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Botched heist suspected in shooting

CRIME Investigators suspect a botched street robbery may have been behind a double shooting on the city's east end, three hours into the new year. One man in his early 20s is in critical condition after being shot in the head. The victim was on life support at St. Michael's hospital last night, surrounded by his family. A second man who was shot in the leg remains in "satisfactory" condition, said Staff Sgt. Michael Cannon. It was about 3:30 a.m. at the corner of Danforth and Donlands avenues early yesterday when the gunfire broke out, investigators say. The Paradise Sports Bar and Billiards, located at 940 Danforth Ave., was closing down when a fight broke out during what witnesses described as a private party. Witnesses reported seeing three or four men in dark clothing, appearing to be in their mid-20s, fleeing the scene.

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Polar bear dip

Brrr-ing in new year

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Hundreds of people jump into the icy cold waters of Lake Ontario on Thursday at the Courage Brothers' polar bear dip in Oakville. The event raised more than $50,0000, which will be used to help fund a much-needed water project in Rwanda. Canadian musician and Oakville resident Tom Cochrane led the countdown to kick off the event.

Hamas leader, family killed in Israeli attack

An Israeli warplane dropped a 900-kilogram bomb on the home of one of Hamas' top five decision-makers yesterday, instantly killing him and 18 others, while the Israeli army said troops massed on the Gaza border were ready for any order to invade.

The air strike on Nizar Rayyan was the first that succeeded in killing a member of Hamas' highest echelon since Israel began its offensive Saturday.

The 49-year-old professor of Islamic law was known for personally participating in clashes with Israeli forces and for sending one of his sons on a 2001 suicide mission that killed two Israelis.

Even as it pursued its bombing campaign, Israel kept the way open for intense efforts by leaders in the Middle East and Europe to arrange a ceasefire. Israel said it would consider a halt to fighting if international monitors were brought in to track compliance with any truce.

Adding to the urgency of the diplomatic manoeuvring, the Israeli military said its preparations for a possible ground assault were complete and that troops stood ready to cross the border if the air operation to stamp out Hamas rocket fire needed to be expanded.

Soldiers massed along the Gaza frontier said they were eager to join the fight, and some even cheered as they heard thunderous air strikes in the distance.

The hit on Rayyan's home obliterated the four-storey apartment building and peeled off the walls of others around it, creating a field of rubble in the crowded town of Jebaliya in the northern Gaza Strip.

Eighteen other people, including all four of Rayyan's wives and nine of his 12 children, also were killed, Palestinian health officials said. A man cradled the burned, limp body of a child he pulled from the rubble.

The house was one of five bombed Thursday, among more than 20 targets altogether. Warplanes shredded the houses, taking off walls and roofs and leaving behind eerie, dollhouse-like views into rooms that still contained furniture.

Israel's military said the attack on Rayyan's house triggered secondary explosions from the arms stockpiled there.

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Heavy toll

- More than 400 Gazans have been killed and some 1,700 wounded since Israel embarked on its aerial campaign, Gaza health officials said. The United Nations has said the death toll includes more than 60 civilians, 34 of them children. Since Saturday, three Israeli civilians and one soldier have also died in rocket attacks that have reached deeper into Israel than ever before.

Your year's pay a day's work for top CEOs

As many Canadians nurse their post-New Year's Eve hangovers and ponder what further economic storms await, Canada's top corporate executives can take comfort in knowing they've already earned as much as the average worker will earn in all of 2009.

A new analysis by the left-leaning Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives concludes the country's richest corporate executives will have pocketed an average of $40,237 by 9:04 a.m. Friday morning.

"By the time your computer has finished booting up on your first day back after the new year's holiday, the average CEO would have already banked what took the average Canadian worker an entire year's worth of work to earn," the report states.

"Many of the top 100 include Canada's big bank CEOs, who recently received billions in federal government bailout money to purchase mortgage loans."

Prepared by economist Hugh Mackenzie, the report finds the top 100 CEOs of publicly traded corporations averaged more than $10 million in pay apiece in 2007, the last full year for which figures are available.

Roger Martin, dean of the Rotman School of Management, said the gap between low-end and highest-end earners began growing in earnest in the 1980s and accelerated in the 1990s, something Martin attributed essentially to greed.

Martin said current ways of thinking about CEO compensation are "dead wrong." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Salary

- The top earner, according to the report, was Michael Lazaridis, head of BlackBerry maker Research In Motion based in Waterloo, who pocketed more than $51 million.

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Police say missing man 'a potential threat to the public'
Police are seeking a man they consider "a potential threat to the public" who has been missing for about three days. Garnet Nick Marziliano, 27, is wanted for an alleged sexual assault. He was last seen in the Mount Pleasant Road and Bloor Street East area. He is described as white, five-foot-11, 200 pounds, medium build, with brown hair and eyes. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Missed shots may keep kids from school

Thousands of students across the province may find they are suspended — or at least threatened with suspension — for not keeping up-to-date with vaccinations. Dr. Vinita Dubey, Toronto's associate medical officer of health, says each year of about 350,000 students assessed by Toronto Public Health, about 25,000 students get a suspension order. "It says that as of this date, your child is eligible for suspension because they're not up to date," says Dubey. "As for actual suspensions, it's about 6,000 students every year." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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3 banks robbed on New Year's Eve

THEFT Three Toronto banks were the subject of robberies on New Year's Eve.

The first was at around noon Wednesday at a Royal Bank at Bloor and Yonge streets. A suspect produced a note indicating a bank robbery and demanded cash.

The second robbery was around 2 p.m. at a CIBC on Wilson Avenue. Three men entered in disguises. One pushed a guard to the side while the others entered the teller area and emptied the cash registers.

Then, at 2:30 p.m., a suspect entered a Scotiabank at 2265 Eglinton Ave. West. He produced a note saying he was armed and demanded cash.

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Dad Paul Gonsalves holds daughter Nyla beside mom Erica Dumont. Nyla is believed to be Toronto's first baby of 2009. Nyla Adrianna Gonsalves, five pounds, 14 ounces, was born at Toronto's East General Hospital on Wednesday night at midnight exactly.

Born to ring in '09

These babies were the life of the party on New Year's

It was a close race to become the first born in the GTA in 2009, and perhaps it will never been known for certain which New Year's baby came out first.

A five-pound, 14-ounce girl, Nyla Adrianna Gonsalves, born just a hair past her Wednesday due date, was born at the stroke of midnight, according those gathered in the Toronto East General Hospital birthing centre for the double countdown. But the hospital does not record time of birth in seconds, only minutes — making it unclear whether Nyla was indeed the frontrunner.

At the North York General Hospital, Martin Liu, the seven-pound, three-ounce son of Jing Ning Lui, was born 0.9 of a second after midnight, said a hospital spokesperson.

And in Mississauga less than two seconds later, Chantal DiMarco, who turned 32 on New Year's Eve, got the perfect birthday gift when she gave birth to her first daughter, Milana.

But one thing is for certain: There were some very exciting countdowns in GTA hospitals Wednesday night.

"Right at the end of the countdown, she popped out."
Paul Gonsalves, proud dad of Nyla

Little Nyla was quiet and calm Thursday afternoon, squirming and yawning in the arms of her mother, Erica Dumont, 26, but the night before had been much more boisterous.

Nyla's father Paul Gonsalves, 27, said there were "like 15 people cheering around because five minutes before New Year's, all the nurses on this floor and all the doctors in this floor came in and they did the countdown."

"And then right at the end of the countdown, she popped out."

"I had a whole audience watching," said Dumont.

Dumont and Gonsalves also have a 16-month-old son, Nigel, who loves music and dancing and will be expected, according to Gonsalves, to look out for his baby sister when they are old enough to go to school.

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York's integrity questioned in wake of strike

SCHOOL Midway through the final year of a course she loves, Melanie Hague now says she may quit York University's theatre program and switch to another school for her last semester because she fears the ongoing strike may have cheapened her degree.

"They can talk all they want about how the strike won't affect academic integrity, but it's very difficult for me to imagine how, after two months' absence, I could make up the work required at the accelerated rate they will demand if they don't extend the school year," said Hague, 21. "In theatre, so much of what we learn comes from spending time with people rather than books."

Hague is one of nearly 50,000 undergraduates whose classes were scrapped Nov. 6 when 3,400 teaching assistants, contract faculty and graduate assistants walked off the job. Talks are scheduled to resume Saturday.

The university has unveiled a timetable to make up for lost classes that includes cancelling reading week, condensing both terms and shortening both exam periods.

York University spokesperson Alex Bilyk said every department and faculty is working on a remediation program to ensure the university delivers on its courses in such a way that students get a meaningful degree and proper evaluation. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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VivaNext to boost York bus service

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Now comes VivaNext, a plan to increase York's mass transit.

Under the plan, the current fleet of about 90 express buses will expand to about 197. They will travel on their own rights-of-way lanes on the Yonge Street and Highway 7 corridors. The express service will connect with the Finch, Downsview and Don Mills subway stations, plus new stations on the extended Yonge and Spadina subway lines

Cost
- The cost of the VivaNext rapid bus system is $1.3 billion.

VivaNext received provincial funding from Metrolinx, the transportation planning agency charged with easing Toronto's congestion.

The VivaNext system is expected to reduce the number of York Region trips taken by car and raise the number taken on transit to about 30 per cent by 2026, from about 14 per cent in 2006.

But VivaNext is about more than putting bodies on the bus, said Mary-Frances Turner, vice-president of the York Region Rapid Transit Corp.

"It's an investment in transit and mobility, but it's also an investment in changing how we look and feel in York Region along these major corridors," she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

STRUCK A collision three hours into the new year marked Toronto's first traffic fatality of 2009. The man, in his 40s or 50s, was struck by a vehicle Thursday while crossing the street in the Eglinton Avenue and Danforth Road area. He had no ID on him, police said.

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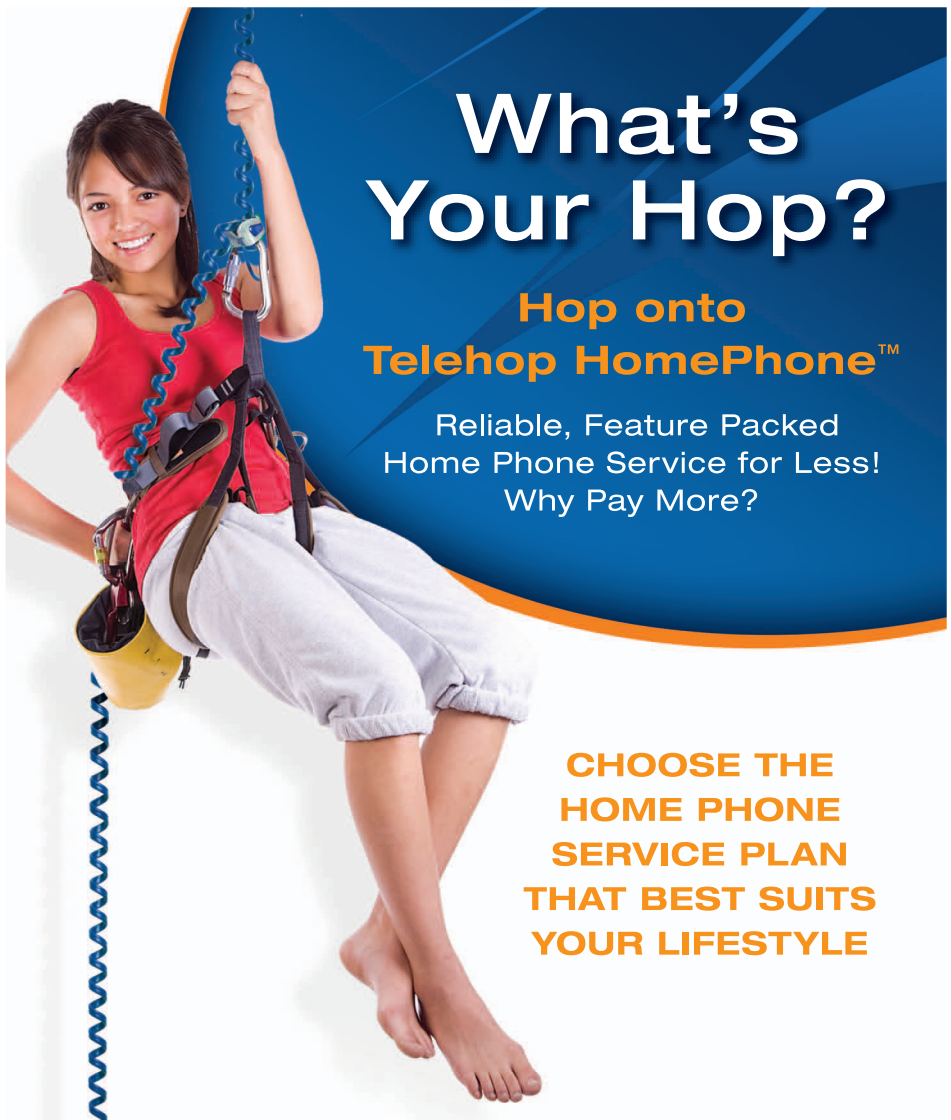

Man dead after car crash
Roberto Ricci, 24, from Bolton is dead following a two-vehicle collision in Vaughan Wednesday morning. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Welcoming 2009

Levees attract thousands across region

Thousands of GTA residents attended New Year's Day levees Thursday in cities across the region. And while dozens lined up at Toronto city hall yesterday morning, it was a landmark occasion in Mississauga as Mayor Hazel McCallion celebrated her 30th levee.

About 1,000 people came out to the civic centre to offer the mayor and council new year's greetings and watch dance performances by a variety of Mississauga's cultural communities. Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan also hosted a levee Thursday.

Some people simply wanted to shake hands with the mayors and councillors. Others wanted their photographs taken, while some residents told their elected representatives what they hoped from the city in 2009.

Laurie Brooks, who has attended the Toronto levee for four consecutive years, brought her five-year-old son Isaiah. While he gave Miller a Christmas card and posed for photos, Brooks told him the city needs to invest more money in programs for single mothers.

"There are programs for (single) moms till they reach the age of 25. What do they do if they need assistance after that, too?" asked Brooks. "I think he (Miller) needs to know what people want — after all, these are the people who voted for him."

PAWEL DWULIT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Beatrice Perusse, 9, has her photo taken Thursday with Toronto Mayor David Miller during the mayor's New Year's Day levee.

Tradition

• The tradition of the levee (from the French verb lever, "to raise") originated in France during the 17th century under Louis XIV, who received prominent male subjects in his bed chamber as he awoke to serve his people.

Most of the people attending the levee said it was a tradition — to come and meet the mayor every year. Others were starting the tradition.

Jeannie and Kevin Lee brought their children Irene and Jonathan for the first time.

"Irene has just started learning about Canadian politics at school and I thought it would be a good idea for her to meet everyone here," said Jeannie Lee.

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Where streets have strange names

Jose Cruz Jr. played six mediocre seasons for the Toronto Blue Jays.

There's a street named for him in Mississauga.

It's just down the road from Escobar Crescent, named for Kelvim Escobar, an inconsistent former Jays pitcher who was once sued for allegedly drugging a woman and having sex with her without her consent.

Which is adjacent to Clemens Crescent, named for pitcher Roger Clemens, who was accused in 2008 of both using steroids and having an affair with a country singer that began when she was 15.

Few people in the Mavis Road and Highway 401 neighbourhood, in which at least 15 streets are named for baseball players, are even faintly aware of the athletic origins of their addresses.

"They all joke about my street."
Kazoo Court resident Sara Fattah

There are several other thematically named neighbourhoods in the GTA. Also in Mississauga, there a streets that are named for musical instruments.

"They all joke about my street," said Kazoo Court resident Sara Fattah, 13. "They're like, 'Why? Does everyone on the street have kazoos?'"

Street names, typically proposed by developers, must be approved by municipal governments. They are sometimes rejected.

Breeders Circle, the proposed name of a north Toronto street on a site where horses were once kept, was changed in 2002 to Green Meadows Circle "due to concerns from future residents of the subdivision that the street name 'Breeders Circle' has derogatory connotations," City of Toronto records note.

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News in brief

BORDER Customs officials on both sides of the border are preparing for an influx of visitors Saturday as thousands of NCAA college football fans are expected in Toronto for the third annual International Bowl. The game, which begins at noon, will feature the University of Buffalo Bulls taking on the University of Connecticut Huskies at the Rogers Centre. According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Bulls have reported close to 12,000 tickets sold and the Huskies almost 3,000.

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Disruptive passenger forces plane to make an unscheduled stop

More than 200 airline passengers who were forced to make an unscheduled layover in the Dominican Republic because of an out-of-control seatmate landed back on Canadian soil New Year's Eve. The flight was diverted to Punta Cana on Tuesday when a disruptive passenger tried to tamper with an aircraft cabin door. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Insomnia costs billions per year

A new study aims to put a price tag on the burden of insomnia in society, and estimates the total cost in the province of Quebec at $6.5 billion per year. The study, published Thursday in the journal Sleep, says more than three quarters of that total is attributable to indirect costs — insomnia-related work absences and reduced productivity. But there were also direct costs such as health-care consultations, prescription medicines and over-the-counter products. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Search for missing B.C. man called off

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

SNOWBOARDER The search for a second snowboarder missing on Mount Seymour in North Vancouver, B.C., has ended after police determined the footprints James William Martin saw on the mountain were his own.

Rescue crews began combing the mountain on Wednesday evening after the 21-year-old snowboarder, who had just been found after three days in the wilderness, said he saw another set of tracks in the snow.

Martin, who recently moved to British Columbia from Ontario and works in Langley, B.C., was reported missing Tuesday.

North Vancouver RCMP found his SUV in the Mount Seymour parking lot with his cellphone and wallet inside and promptly called North Shore Search And Rescue.

Police said he's lucky to be alive. He's being treated at Vancouver General Hospital for frostbite to his hands and feet.

Martin told CBC News that if he had to have spent another day on the mountain he likely would have died.

He said he expected to be able to walk out of the wilderness, but each day as night fell, so did his hopes of being found.

Afghan drug trade may entice troops: Report

MILITARY There's a "high probability" some Canadian troops serving in Afghanistan — one of the world's biggest sources of illegal drugs — will get involved in the drug trade, a military police report warns.

"Access to illicit drugs in Afghanistan is routine," reads the report obtained by the Toronto Star.

"Easy access to heroin, hashish, cannabis presents a temptation for (Canadian) troops in the form of personal use and in the form of importation for the purpose of trafficking," it reads.

It notes that using and trafficking drugs are illegal and "contrary to the ethos" of the Canadian Forces, but concedes some of the 2,500 troops serving in the war-torn nation might not be able to resist the lure.

> **"Access to illicit drugs in Afghanistan is routine."**
> Military police report

The findings are outlined in a series of military police documents obtained by the Star under Access to Information legislation.

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Ontario faces tough year

McGuinty looking to get province back on track

Back in June, Premier Dalton McGuinty's Air Canada flight made an emergency landing in Las Vegas returning from a business trip to sunny California.

Its pressure seal broken high over the coastal mountains, the jet began an urgent descent and circled the desert to burn off fuel for hours in endless turbulence that left dozens of passengers hunched over airsickness bags.

Life didn't get much easier after McGuinty returned to Toronto.

The global financial crisis blew wide open over the summer and autumn, killing more jobs, shattering the stock market and leaving 2009 to shape up as another stomach-churner.

"It's going to be a tough year, I understand that," McGuinty told reporters before leaving on his Christmas break.

"I know folks have lost their jobs. Some folks have lost real savings. I know there's a lot of worry and concern out there," he added in a year-end interview with Global TV's Focus Ontario.

The past few months have seen Ontario's stature as Canada's economic powerhouse diminished by several factors — as if lady luck was not smiling on McGuinty during the unplanned stopover in Vegas.

- A vicious combination of a high dollar, high oil prices and cutthroat global competition and the slowdown have hobbled Ontario's manufacturing sector in the past few years, erasing 200,000 jobs since 2003.
- The slumping economy has resulted in McGuinty's fiefdom becoming officially classified as a "have-not" province — a blow to political pride that will make Ontario eligible for $374 million in equalization payments from the federal government in 2009.
- The slowdown and high oil prices so hobbled demand for automobiles that Ontario could see the prospect of its homegrown auto industry shrinking drastically.

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Nova Scotia **A snowy start to the new year**

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO CANADA

A man walks through blowing snow near the Halifax Common on Thursday. A howling blizzard ushered in New Year's Day in parts of the Maritimes as snow and high winds caused power outages, disrupted highway travel and grounded flights at some of the region's airports. Most of Nova Scotia was hit with whiteout conditions all day, with the eastern part of the province and Cape Breton expected to receive the most snow — up to 60 centimetres in some areas.

Canadian tourists shot in Mexico

CRIME A Vancouver man is in critical condition in a Mexican hospital and his friend is stable after the two were shot at a strip club and tourist hot spot.

Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs confirmed yesterday that two Canadians were shot Tuesday in Cabo San Lucas, a resort town at the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula.

A local newspaper, the Tribuna de Los Cabos, reported the victims are 26-year-old Donguyen Ninhtrung from Vancouver and Michel Brenhan Spowe, 28. Metro was unable to confirm if Spowe is also from Vancouver.

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3D Instructor Inspires

Lee Murray has joined Herzing College Toronto as the main 3D Animation Instructor. During his 3D career he has worked on Animated Television shows, Game Cut scenes, Advertisements for Television and Animated Feature films. His work includes Animation credits for a Television show created at C.O.R.E Animation called 'Urban Vermin'. Lee worked as a Motion Capture Actor and Animator for 'The Darkness' video game and 'Justice Heroes' video game. "The various areas you can specialize within 3D is amazing, everything from a Creature Animator to a Set Modeler", says Lee.

Possessing advanced skills in many 3D software programs Lee has the know how to create and manipulate the art required for various 3D projects. His area of expertise is Character Animation.

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News in brief

HORSES A battle is being fought over the fate of two horses that were trapped on a B.C. mountainside and ended up being rescued through a monumental effort by volunteers. The owner of the horses, Frank Mackay, an Edmonton-based lawyer, says he wants his animals returned, while many of the volunteers who spent a week digging a trench through deep snow to free the horses say he abandoned them and shouldn't get them back.

DEATH An investigation is underway into the death of a Syncrude employee. The man was found unconscious Wednesday morning in the hydro processing area of Syncrude's Mildred Lake, Alta., Upgrader.

POWER About 20,000 customers in Ontario remain without power as a result of fierce wind storms on Sunday and Monday — and some won't have it back until Friday.

BODY FOUND Detectives are investigating after a body was found in a frozen ditch in Hamilton on New Year's Eve during the day.

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Room service with a view for Obamas

U.S. president-elect Barack Obama's family is planning to get settled in Washington to prepare for the start of school for his two daughters. The family will settle into an exclusive hotel near the White House as their temporary home when they move to the capital this weekend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Thief has expensive taste

A suspected grocery thief still has a taste for finer cuisine, even in the struggling economy. Police in Racine, Wis., say 43-year-old Brian Rubenstein tried to steal $625 US in groceries. The total included $365 worth of lobster and $213 in ribeye and beef roasts. Police say he told investigators times are tough.

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Club blaze kills at least 61

New year's horror in Thailand

It was billed as a New Year's Eve blowout and a last-night celebration of the wildly popular and classy Santika nightclub before it moved to a new location.

But before the revelry was over, at least 61 people were dead and more than 200 injured after they tried to flee what swiftly became a charred, gutted ruin in a glitzy Bangkok entertainment area.

Among the casualties was a Singaporean who died and at least 35 foreigners who were injured, including citizens of Australia, Belgium, Britain, France, Japan, Singapore, South Korea and the United States, according to officials and reporters.

A full accounting was not expected for about a week since nearly 30 of the corpses were charred beyond recognition.

The cause of the fire was under investigation, with several witnesses saying a fireworks display during the new year's countdown ignited the blaze.

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Canadians

- The Foreign Affairs Department in Ottawa said it had no reports of any Canadians among the dead or injured.

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Fire and rescue officials gather outside the Santika nightclub Thursday in Bangkok, Thailand, after a fire swept through the high-class establishment. Officials said at least 61 people were killed and more than 200 injured.

At least five killed in blasts

At least five people have been killed and some 50 wounded in a string of bomb blasts in India's northeastern Assam state.

Senior police official P. Saloi said authorities suspect the militant separatist group the United Liberation Front of Asom was behind the attacks Thursday in Gauhati, the state capital.

ULFA wants an independent state for the region's ethnic Assamese and is the largest of the northeast's many militant groups.

The blasts went off in crowded areas of Gauhati just hours before India's top security official, Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram, was scheduled to arrive in the city.

Police declined to say whether they thought the blasts were connected to Chidambaram's visit.

No group claimed responsibility. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Conflicts

- India's northeast is beset by dozens of conflicts. More than 10,000 people have died in separatist violence over the past decade.

Taliban launch lunchtime ambush on Afghan police

AFGHANISTAN Taliban militants ambushed a group of Afghan police while they were eating lunch in a remote and dangerous part of southern Afghanistan, killing 20 officers and one of the policemen's mother, an Afghan official said Thursday.

A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousef Ahmadi, said two Taliban were killed and four wounded during the ambush. Ahmadi claimed 32 police were killed, but that number had not been confirmed by Afghan officials.

The attack came Wednesday in the small village of Shaghzay in the district of Kajaki in Helmand province, said Daud Ahmadi, spokesman for Helmand's governor. He said 20 police — bodyguards for the district chief of nearby Musa Qala — were killed. Musa Qala for many months of 2007 had been held by Taliban fighters.

The mother of one of the police pleaded with the militants to spare her son's life, and she was also killed, Ahmadi said.

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News in brief

VIDEO Arkansas state officials asked a judge Wednesday to take steps to remove from the Internet a leaked video in which a teenage follower of Tony Alamo defends the jailed evangelist and says he would never commit the sex crimes of which he is accused.

SCIENCE Old mosquitoes usually spread disease, so Australian researchers figured out a way to make the pests die younger — naturally, not poisoned. A new report Friday suggested breeding mosquitoes to carry an insect parasite that causes earlier death.

EUROPE Slovak banks did brisk business as they opened on New Year's Day for a very special occasion — issuing euros to citizens eager to get their hands on the country's new currency. The alpine state on Thursday became the 16th country to adopt the euro. The European Union currency also celebrated its 10th birthday this New Year's Day.

OBITUARY South African anti-apartheid activist Helen Suzman, who was one of the few white legislators to fight against the injustices of racist rule, died Thursday. She was 91. Suzman fought a long and lonely battle in the South African parliament against government repression of the country's black majority.

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Santa-suit killer led two lives

PLOT Before donning the Santa Claus suit that would deceive his first victim, Bruce Pardo spent months plotting his Christmas Eve massacre behind a mask of friendliness that fooled his neighbours, lawyer and the ex-wife he killed along with eight of her kin.

As early as last summer, Bruce Pardo was purchasing ammunition and guns and ordering supplies to build a device to torch his former in-laws' home. In early fall, the unemployed electrical engineer ordered a custom-made, extra-large Santa Claus suit from a seamstress.

By December — as his divorce became final — Pardo put the final touches on his horrific plan by renting two getaway cars and booking a flight to Illinois.

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Eggs on the highway
State troopers and road crews had to scramble when a tractor-trailer crashed and spilled its load of eggs on a Detroit-area freeway late Wednesday. An official said the driver fell asleep and his rig hit a guardrail that tore the trailer open and spilled hundreds of cartons of eggs along a 100-metre stretch of I-94. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hopes pinned on 2009

Economy looms large over new year's celebrations

Hundreds of thousands of revellers rang in 2009 from frigid Times Square as the famous Waterford crystal ball dropped, signalling the end of a historic and troubled year that saw the election of the first black U.S. president and the worst economic crisis in decades.

Former U.S. president Bill Clinton and Senator Hillary Clinton helped Mayor Michael Bloomberg lower the ball atop 1 Times Square for the 60-second countdown to midnight.

Many other New Year's Eve traditions around the U.S. were in place, but some festivities fell victim to hard times, and those that remained felt somewhat subdued.

Public celebrations were cancelled in communities from Louisville, Ky., to Reno, Nev., and promoters in Miami Beach, Fla., reported slower ticket sales than expected for celebrity-studded parties that they say would have sold out in past years.

The effects of the economic crisis were also felt around the world.

"I'm looking forward to 2009," said Randolph King of England, whose retirement fund was gutted in the global financial crisis.

"Because it can't get much worse."

Six luxury cruise liners floated off Rio's famed Copacabana beach as fireworks erupted over heads of approximately two million Brazilian revellers.

"I hope that 2009, which is bringing your President Obama to the scene, will help us all have a better life," said Roberto Felipe, a 22-year-old construction worker.

In Athens, police said arsonists attacked at least 10 banks and two car dealerships amid the celebrations but no arrests or injuries were reported. Cities in Greece had riots recently over the fatal shooting of a teenage boy by police.

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Pope's message

- In the splendour of St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Benedict called for "soberness and solidarity" in 2009. During a year-end vespers service Wednesday evening, the Pope said these times are "marked by uncertainty and worry for the future" but urged people not to be afraid and to help each other.

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A fireworks-filled effigy of U.S. President George W. Bush burns during new year's celebrations in Capira, Panama, Wednesday.

Aspen bomb-threat suspect found dead

A man wanted for questioning in bomb threats that shut down the resort town of Aspen, Colo., on New Year's Eve has been found dead.

The body of 71-year-old Jim Blanning was found early Thursday just east of Aspen in rural Pitkin County.

Police officer Stephanie Dasaro said she couldn't say how he died or exactly where his body was found.

Police cleared a 16-block area Wednesday afternoon after two banks reported receiving threats and packages that officials feared might contain bombs.

Police also found clear plastic boxes containing holiday wrapped packages and pizza boxes on a black sled in a downtown alley.

The threats shut down the resort town on New Year's Eve, one of its busiest nights of the year as the evacuation stretched into the new year.

Police released surveillance tape from one bank showing Blanning and asked the public to help find him.

Dasaro said the man was recognized quickly by police as a former Aspen resident, though he was living in Denver.

It was unclear Thursday what the packages contained. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Area shut down

- The events put a damper on festivities in the resort town. A fireworks show was cancelled. Many bars, restaurants and nightclubs that had planned festivities to ring in the new year fell in the evacuation zone and had to close.

News in brief

PHILIPPINES A grenade blast wounded more than 20 New Year's Eve revellers in a park and a powerful bomb was found near a passenger bus terminal in the latest incidents to raise security concerns in the southern Philippines, officials said Thursday.

CRASH Four adults and a child have died in a horrific car accident in Dayton, Ohio. Police say the speeding car hit a railway track and went airborne shortly before midnight Wednesday night. The car was going more than 140 km/h in a 55 km/h zone, according to police.

PIRATES Somali pirates have seized an Egyptian cargo ship with a crew of 28 aboard. The vessel was carrying 5,400 tonnes of fertilizer.

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Sect leader gets 10 years for sex crime

PRISON An apocalyptic religious sect leader has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for sexual misconduct with teenage female followers. Wayne Bent was sentenced to prison Tuesday for criminal sexual contact of a minor and two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. New Mexico prison officials say the 67-year-old Bent has refused to eat since his arrival Tuesday at the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility at Los Lunas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraq takes over Green Zone duties

MIDEAST The United States handed over control of Baghdad's Green Zone and Saddam Hussein's presidential palace to Iraqi authorities Thursday in moves described by the country's prime minister as a restoration of Iraqi sovereignty. At a ceremony marking the transition, Nouri al-Maliki said he will propose Jan. 1 be declared a national holiday.

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Comment & Views

2008: Can we get a do-over?

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It might just be me — never underestimate a columnist's proficiency at subjectivity — but I can't recall the last time the transition from the old year to the new felt so downbeat.

My memories aren't exactly long — I can't speak authoritatively about any New Year during the Great Depression, or the last night of 1939, when a new world war was just getting under steam, and I've got to assume that they were pretty glum affairs.

The transition from 1963 to 1964, when the assassination of John F. Kennedy was still recent and raw, was probably a somber affair, but it happened just before I was born.

I've lived through Watergate and the OPEC oil crisis, and at least two major recessions after the '70s, though, so I can claim some modest long view on history's recent dark patches.

I was a freelancer during the recession following Black Monday — Oct. 19, 1987 — and lost over half of my clients in the six subsequent months, but I know that the mood in general was far more festive when 1988 hove into view.

The consensus is pretty dire; a series of interviews with financial giants that's run in the National Post for the last few weeks has been depressing reading. "I think it's tough. I think it's going to get tougher," said Jim Treliving, CEO of Boston Pizza and Dragon's Den star.

"It sounds trite but it's a very complex and very dangerous situation," warned banking analyst Anthony Boekh.

Asked whether he's seen a worse situation, philanthropist and Barrick Gold CEO Peter Munk was succinct: "No. But then again, I'm only 81. If I was 120, I probably would have."

It's no wonder, then, that we're acting like we're facing dust bowls and bread lines even when the worst we've seen is mostly cruel justice — housing foreclosures on people who couldn't afford their homes to begin with, and the collapse of banking institutions who played a risky game badly and lost.

As for the crisis in the auto industry, that's been brewing for years — decades, actually — and there have been Bernie Madoffs at regular intervals since the first man traded his goat for a shiny bauble.

It's half real crisis and half coincidence, and it's rather inevitable that my industry — the media we keep hearing is at an all-time low in public trust — has managed to make it all seem like a financial perfect storm about to break over your leaky trawler.

It might be true — I make no claims as an oracle — but it's just as likely that we're being told to panic because nobody wants to look like Pollyanna if the worst comes to pass.

Perhaps we should take advantage of this somber but fortuitous mood and begin the New Year like jilted lovers; skeptical of everyone, whether they're peddling optimism or doom, and especially skeptical of our own judgment, which got us into this mess in the first place.

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Tree growth rooted in education

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The remnants of tinsel and other holiday finery on the evergreen corpses now destined for the city's wood chipper are a forlorn testament to the attention lavished on Christmas trees each December.

Imagine if the living, breathing — and often suffering — urban trees in our midst all year round received some of that same loving care.

City council moved in that direction last month when it adopted new green development standards that require developers of larger scale projects to plant one tree for every six to eight metres of their street-front property.

To improve the odds of survival, each tree must have a minimum amount of soil around it and developers must water saplings for at least three years.

The city, which aims to double Toronto's urban tree canopy to 35 per cent of territory from 17.5 per cent, is taking other steps to curb tree abuse.

At the most basic level, this involves ensuring city workers and residents understand how trees grow.

For the record, roots spread horizontally near the surface, rather than deep and down.

To know this is to know that tree roots are damaged whenever the upper layer of soil is disturbed by a home renovation, sidewalk renewal or driveway improvement.

The average tree's need for at least 15 cubic metres of loose, good soil has forced designers to rethink the treatment of sidewalk trees in particular.

The days of plopping saplings into tiny patches of arid dirt or into those ubiquitous cement boxes that dismayed arborists call tree coffins are gradually coming to an end.

Streetscape improvements along downtown Bloor Street, for instance, include a system of plastic grates installed on support pillars.

New sidewalks are laid on the plastic grates, ensuring that the soil underneath remains loose and accommodating to meandering tree roots.

Many Torontonians are already fierce tree advocates.

Others, however, still don't get it.

They complain bitterly about shade on their gardens, mountains of fall leaves or trees that "eat" sewer pipes, causing smelly backups. The latter complaint is particularly unjust. Trees seek out water and nutrients.

If the aged clay pipes in older neighbourhoods weren't deteriorating, tree roots wouldn't go near them. So don't blame the tree.

Hug one instead. Or better yet, water it and protect it.

A thriving tree cleans the air, blocks winter wind, offers summer shade and is much more than a one-off holiday delight.

It's a year-round blessing.

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Letters

Bring back Canadian Idol or give it to someone else

I am depressed about next summer. I will watch American Idol but I always look forward to our version.

I love anything Canadian. We need to have this show aired; it gives everyone hope that dreams can come true.

CTV got the hockey song, maybe they should give CBC the show for this year. Come on CTV. Do something positive for this country. Find ways to make it more economical.

CAROLYN SAINCHUK
TORONTO

How can Ottawa allow a transit strike for 3 weeks?

After three weeks of an Ottawa transit strike, there is no end in sight.

My question to the city is why isn't there backup plan?

In less than a week, citizens will return back to regular schedule with potentially no transit.

The city has $3 million set aside set for transit, why are they not spending it to reduce the impact?

Here is my suggestion: Have organizations apply for a grant from municipal contributions for transit that is usually directed to OC Transpo.

Let them provide shuttle service between major centres, and/or taxi car pooling service.

MICHAEL YUEN
OTTAWA

Generous act by TTC driver has rider in awe of attitude

This morning I got on the TTC bus at Brimley and Steeles for my regular commute to the office.

Only seconds before, I had placed my token in my coat pocket however when I was to drop the token in the box, it was not in my pocket — instead I felt a gaping hole beneath my glove. The light was on red so I looked down and looked back to see if it was where I stood. The driver got off the bus and bounded the steps and was looking for the token too. I was mesmerized. He went back on the bus only when the light changed and said don't worry.

Thank you to the TTC and to that driver.

SHEILA ROBINSON,

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Merill Lynch closes '08 with clapoff
As of yesterday, investment bank Merrill Lynch will be part of Bank of America. At the New Year's Eve closing bell in Manhattan, employees held a traditional clapoff: Standing and applauding solemnly to pay tribute to their company. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

The first of many

General Motors Corp. has received its first multi-billion-dollar loan instalment from the U.S. Treasury Department. The money came Wednesday night, the first portion of a $9.4-billion US loan the struggling automaker is expected to receive from the government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Record labels face the music

Sales slump in '08 despite more digital downloads

Music sales have continued to slump in 2008 as the increased number of downloads of digital tracks failed to make up for a plunge in the sale of compact discs.

Year-end sales figures released Wednesday by The Nielsen Co. show total album sales, including album equivalents made up of single digital tracks, fell to 428.4 million units, down 8.5 per cent from 500.5 million in 2007.

Physical album sales fell 20 per cent to 362.6 million from 450.5 million, while digital album sales rose 32 per cent to a record 65.8 million units.

"Music consumption has never been at a higher clip, it's just a matter of trying to turn it into revenue."
Silvio Pietroluongo

Digital track sales, such as those conducted in Apple Inc.'s iTunes Music Store, were up 27 per cent from last year, breaking the 1 billion mark for the first time at 1.07 billion.

The report continues a troubling trend for the recording industry, which has a harder time maintaining profits when consumers buy single songs instead of albums. The number of transactions rose 10.5 per cent to 1.5 billion, although the figure treats single track and whole album purchases the same.

"You can see the overall unit sales as a positive, but their model is really built on album sales and that just continues to decline," said Silvio Pietroluongo, director of charts for Billboard magazine.

"Music consumption has never been at a higher clip, it's just a matter of trying to turn it into revenue," he added. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business in brief

MARKETS Canada's stock markets had one of their worst years on record in 2008, losing 35 per cent of their value, or about $700 billion, and investors should expect more of the same, experts say.

TAKEOVER Research in Motion said it is extending the expiry on its offer to buy Toronto-based Certicom Corp. by 12 days. The hostile bid, valued at $66 million, will now expire Jan. 27. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dress registry **A party saver**

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Dressregistry.com president Andrew Jones poses in Stuart, Fla., on New Year's Eve. His website allows women to "register" their dresses and avoid the social catastrophe of showing up for an event and seeing another woman wearing the same gown.

No holiday gifts from the taxman

TAXES Unlike recent years, Canadians will have to do without the large Christmas gift of tax cuts from Ottawa as 2009 begins.

But thanks to provincial changes, some will still be able to realize tax savings this year — Alberta is eliminating the health-care premium, saving individuals $528 and families $1,056 on average this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toyota drives for solar-car technology

AUTOS Toyota Motor Corp. is secretly developing a vehicle that will be powered solely by solar energy in an effort to turn around its struggling business with a futuristic ecological car, the Nikkei reported.

However, the newspaper said it will be years before the planned vehicle will be available on the market.

According to the Nikkei, Toyota is working on an electric vehicle that will get some of its power from solar cells equipped on the vehicle, and that can be recharged with electricity generated from solar panels on the roofs of homes.

The automaker later hopes to develop a model totally powered by solar cells on the vehicle, the paper said without citing sources. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tanguay out six weeks

Montreal Canadiens forward Alex Tanguay will miss six weeks with a left shoulder injury. Tanguay was injured during the first period of Tuesday's game against the Tampa Bay Lightning. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Bolt edges Phelps

Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, left, edged U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps to be voted the 2008 athlete of the year by the international media. In a poll by the International Sports Press Association, journalists from 96 nations gave Bolt a narrow edge over Phelps. Bolt won three gold medals at the Olympics, setting world records in the 100 metres, 200 and 400 relay. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Quick turnaround by Buffalo's Gill

NCAA FOOTBALL UB Bulls coach Turner Gill admits to being "a little bit surprised" by how quickly the team's fortunes turned. In the seven seasons prior to Gill's arrival, the team won 10 games. The Bulls play the University of Connecticut in Saturday's International Bowl at Rogers Centre (1 p.m., The Score).

NFL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

VS

The Atlanta Falcons are favoured by two points. This matchup features a veteran, grizzled quarterback – Arizona's Kurt Warner, 37, a former NFL MVP – against a greenhorn QB – Atlanta's Matt Ryan, 23, the NFL's rookie of the year.

Saturday, 8 p.m.

VS

The Colts are favoured by one point. After struggling through the first two months of the season, Indy and superstar QB Peyton Manning regrouped to secure a seventh consecutive trip to the playoffs. The Chargers have won four in a row.

Sunday, 1 p.m.

VS

The Ravens are favoured by 3.5 points. At the start of the season, the Ravens and Dolphins were two of the NFL's least likely teams to reach the playoffs but unassuming quarterbacks – Baltimore rookie Joe Flacco and Miami's Chad Pennington – led each squad to impressive runs toward the postseason.

Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

VS

The Philadelphia Eagles are three-point favourites. Six weeks ago, it didn't look like they were going to make the playoffs as they played poorly and their star QB, Donovan McNabb, was benched, but they bounced back strongly while division rival Dallas Cowboys fell apart and they earned the right to visit Adrian Peterson, the NFL's top running back, and the Vikings.

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Leafs open '09 with loss

NHL RESULT

Sabres 4 Maple Leafs 1

VS

Linemates Jason Pominville and Derek Roy scored two goals apiece to lead the visiting Buffalo Sabres over the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-1 in NHL action on Thursday night.

Roy also added an assist for a three-point effort, while Sabres wingers Thomas Vanek and Drew Stafford each had two assists in front of 19,176 fans at the Air Canada Centre.

Rookie centre John Mitchell, with his third goal of the season, provided the only offence for the Leafs. Buffalo improved to 18-15-5 on the season, while Toronto lost for the fourth time in five games to fall to 15-17-6. With the win, Buffalo moves into a tie with Carolina for eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

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NHL Take me out to the hockey game

JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews of the Chicago Blackhawks chase down the puck against the Detroit Red Wings during the NHL Winter Classic at Wrigley Field on Thursday. The Red Wings won the NHL's third outdoor game in the last five years, 6-4.

Steve Nash weighs his 2010 options

We're barely into 2009, granted, but the finest Canadian basketball player in history is already thinking about 2010.

In an interview with NBC, B.C. native Steve Nash confirmed what appeared in this space Nov. 24 — that he is considering the idea of joining the New York Knicks as a free agent in 2010, after his contract with the Phoenix Suns expires. He emerged with another eyebrow-raising possibility, however, by mentioning the Toronto Raptors to NBC.

While not ruling out re-signing with the Suns, Nash said: "I feel fortunate there could be other possibilities for me. New York, obviously, is my off-season home, so I love the city. It's a basketball mecca. (Ex-Suns-turned-Knicks coach) Mike D'Antoni is there so there's a lot of attractive variables. And then Toronto, to go back to Canada to play for the home team, so to speak. I feel good that one of those could really be a really strong possibility."

• Heaven knows the Raptors need help.

Despite Canadian media apologists who regularly utter nonsense about the Raptors "keeping close" to their opponents, the reality is that Canada's NBA franchise has deteriorated woefully, to the point where management is planning ticket-price reductions.

Fan interest is waning partly because many of the Raptors' games aren't televised by any network that allows the masses to watch them. Mind you, considering the Raps' ineptitude, that may be a positive for the club.

Oh, and then there's word spreading around the NBA like wildfire that first-year Raptor Jermaine O'Neal has become a frequent complainer about injuries that may be more imagined than real.

• Ex-NBA superstar Charles Barkley, my favourite TV sports analyst, was drinking with Jaleel White — aka Steve Urkel of the old Family Matters sitcom — at an Arizona nightclub called Dirty/Pretty shortly before he was arrested for DUI Tuesday night ... Ex-NFL star Andre Rison, who also spent some time with the CFL's Toronto Argonauts, also was arrested this week on charges of public intoxication in Texas ... Look for left-hander Andy Pettitte to re-sign with the New York Yankees next week as the Evil Empire continues to spend on a refurbished pitching rotation ... I'm told, incidentally, that the Blue Jays wouldn't mind signing an ex-Yank to fortify their offence. The question is whether they're willing to pay Bobby Abreu the millions he's seeking ... And soccer icon David Beckham has an interesting, new tattoo on his arm. It's in Hebrew, and it says: "My son, do not forget my teaching but keep my commands in your heart."

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Canadian win labelled a classic

With his team down three goals in the first 13 minutes on New Year's Eve, John Tavares started telling his teammates what they had to do last night. Then he showed them.

With two goals in 48 seconds to spark a comeback and a empty-netter to cap his night, Tavares continued to cement his status as hockey's next phenom with a marvellous performance in Canada's 7-4 win over Team USA.

"He's going to be one of the best players you've ever seen," teammate P.K. Subban said. "He's done it in the OHL. He did it in minor hockey. He's doing it on this stage. I have no doubt he'll do it in the NHL."

The win sets up a possible clash with archrival Russia in the world junior championship semifinals. Canada will play the winner of a quarter-final between Russia and the Czech Republic.

On New Year's Eve, it was the bash that couldn't be missed. They bashed each other into the boards in a game that had a bit of everything: A big lead, a big comeback, own-goals, great saves, great pace, stupid penalties and lots of bad blood between two fierce rivals. The Canadians were two-thirds of the way through their first-period comeback — Tavares scored his second of the game — and the Canadian team decided to celebrate the goal by skating by the American bench.

Chris DiDomenico got a stick blade to the face as he went by and fell to the ice. Seeing a fallen comrade, Stefan Della Rovere hammered American James van Riemsdyk into the boards. DiDomenico and van Riemsdyk tended to their aches while the teams began scuffling.

In the end, no penalties were called. American coach Ron Rolston was upset with the refereeing, in particular the beginning of the second period when the game clock didn't start with the drop of the puck.

Canada finished the first round 4-0, earning a bye into the semifinals. The Americans now face Slovakia tonight in the quarter-finals. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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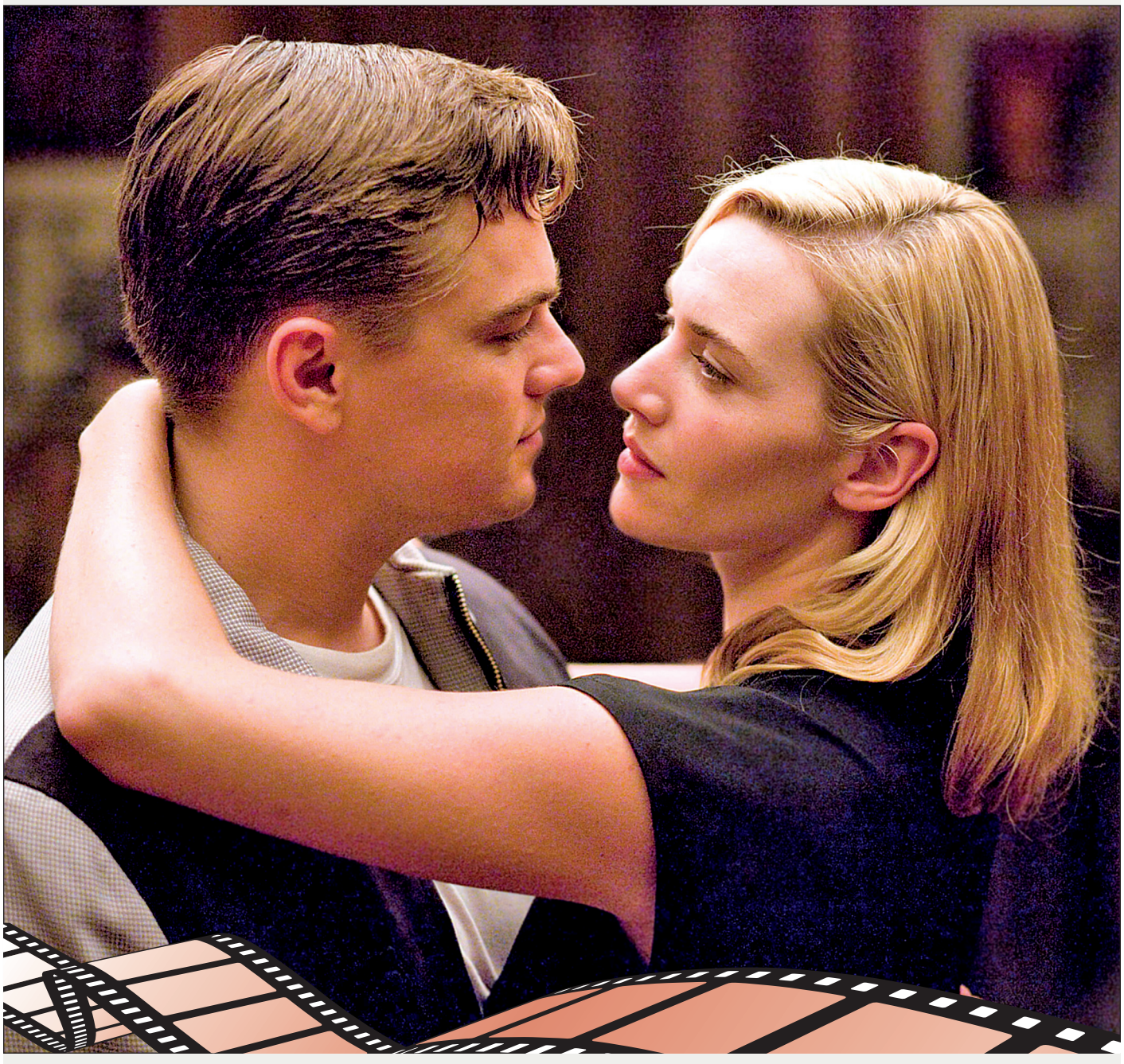

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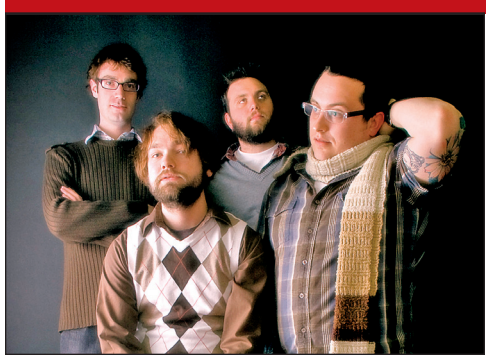

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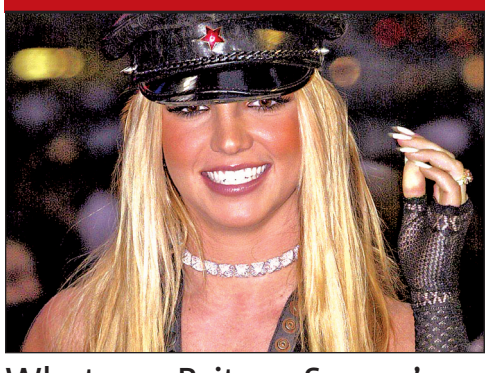

What was Britney Spears' New Year's resolution?

Terminator to be preserved

The Terminator has been selected for preservation in the U.S. film archive. The low-budget 1984 film directed by James Cameron set a new standard for science-fiction and made Arnold Schwarzenegger, now California's governor, a star. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Movies

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Dull side of domestic hell

Revolutionary **Road**

Director: Sam Mendes
Stars: Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio
Classification: 14A
Rating: ½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Christmas may be over but holiday turkey can still be savoured in Revolutionary Road, the latest overstuffed and undercooked exercise in empty, posturing theatrics from director Sam Mendes.

Based on the book by Richard Yates, the film reunites Titanic co-stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet as Frank and April Wheeler, a young couple trapped in '50s domestic hell, and mines the same bitter but tired "suburban life sucks" territory Mendes covered in his considerably more amusing — but woefully overrated — Oscar-winning satire American Beauty. This one sports half of Beauty's laughs and twice its pretensions and is ultimately duller than a sink full of day-old dishwater.

Kate Winslet reunites with her Titanic co-star Leonardo DiCaprio in Revolutionary Road.

The picture starts promisingly enough with a clever pre-credits montage that brilliantly sets up the couple's sweaty-palmed courtship, but it goes nowhere slowly, looking pretty (the gauzy cinematography by Roger Deakins is a major asset) while not registering on any emotional level whatsoever.

And for all the endless dramatic fireworks (DiCaprio and Winslet are excellent actors but are like Oscar-baiting gunslingers at a shooting gallery here) we never get to really know or care about Frank and April, thus the big, already controversial climax feels both condescending and utterly hollow.

As dire as Revolutionary Road is, it's almost worth watching just for an all too brief, savage and scene-stealing supporting turn from Michael (Bug) Shannon. As a mentally deranged houseguest who acts as a kind of caustic Greek Chorus to the Wheelers' misfortunes, Shannon seems to be channeling Heath Ledger's manic riff on the Joker.

It's a fascinating and grimly hilarious turn and you're left wishing the picture focused solely on him. Sadly, it does not.

David Lynch's Blue Velvet said more about the cloistered, closed-door miseries of suburban Americana in its first five minutes than this smug, seemingly endless mess manages to sputter out in over two interminable hours. Rent that, skip this.

On the web

- Visit metronews.ca/movies to see a trailer and screen times for Revolutionary Road.

The year of 3-D films

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

FEATURE DreamWorks Animation chief Jeffrey Katzenberg is in the middle of a tough road trip. The man behind such family hits as Kung-Fu Panda and Shrek has been touring North America to promote what he's determined as cinema's next great innovation: 3-D.

Now, that may sound odd. After all, the fad of 3-D surfaced decades ago and since has become something of a punchline, which is exactly what's making Katzenberg's mission so challenging.

By treating journalists to a sneak peek of his groundbreaking In-Tru digital 3-D comedy Monsters vs. Aliens — coming in March — Katzenberg is showing off how digital advancement has breached the campy fourth wall that was once reserved for such B-movies as 1953's Robot Monster and Cat-Women of the Moon.

"It was used as a gimmick," said Katzenberg about the historical use of 3-D. "It doesn't replace a great story, so we come back to the very fundamental aspect of this, which is (that) Monsters vs. Aliens is great in its own right … but I think to be able to experience it in 3-D is something really exciting."

Katzenberg is not alone in this sentiment. While other films have been adapted for 3-D screenings, we're entering a year filled with 3-D-conceived projects, including My Bloody Valentine 3-D, Pixar's Up, Disney's A Christmas Carol and James Cameron's long-awaited Avatar.

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BRAD PITT CATE BLANCHETT

The Curious Case Of BENJAMIN BUTTON

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Tarantino's Inglorious Bastards to be released in August
Quentin Tarantino's Inglorious Bastards has a release date — and it's Aug. 21.The World War II film stars Brad Pitt as Lt. Aldo Raine, the leader of a group of Jewish soldiers carrying out acts of retribution against the Nazis in occupied France. IMDB.COM

Reel Time

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Where movies go to die

Movie **feature**

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Watching movies in January is a lot like dating on the rebound after a bad break-up; no one expects you to take anything seriously, and after the trauma you've just experienced, you can be excused for letting your standards down just a bit.

Rhona Mitra stars in Underworld 3: The Rise of the Lycans.

There's one thing everyone can agree on about movies released during the first three months of the year — in spite of how much they cost to make, or how good they might actually be, these aren't films anyone really expects to be in the running for the Oscars nine months hence.

This is the season of the middling horror franchise, the low-budget remake, the featherweight comedy and the disappointing marquee projects, finally taken off the shelves and allowed to expire in the theatres with a modicum of dignity.

The sterile and purgatorial waiting room before DVD release, in other words.

A brief sampling of the titles scheduled to hit the theatres after New Year's Day will paint a picture for you: Midnight Movie, The Unborn, Race to Witch Mountain and Pink Panther 2. There are films with portentous colons in their titles: Butterfly Effect: Revelation; Clive Barker Presents: Hellraiser; Underworld 3: The Rise of the Lycans; and The Jonas Brothers: Burning Up.

There are not one but two 3-D titles to tempt you from your warm living rooms on snowy nights — My Bloody Valentine 3-D and Under the Sea 3-D — and a few chick flicks, such as the Renee Zellweger vehicle New In Town, along with Confessions of a Shopaholic and He's Just Not That Into You.

By the time the much-anticipated Watchmen arrives in March, the movie landscape post-Oscars will look as barren as the Somme after a barrage, and Zack Snyder's FX-laden comic-book epic will probably arrive like the mothership, bringing with it the first monster opening weekend of the year.

From the tip of winter's chilly blade, it seems like an eternity away.

What's to come

JANUARY:
- Butterfly Effect: Revelation
- Notorious
- Mall Cop
- My Bloody Valentine 3-D
- Underworld 3: The Rise of the Lycans

FEBRUARY:
- Under the Sea 3-D
- Friday the 13th
- Confessions of a Shopaholic
- The Pink Panther 2

What came first: Tom Cruise or the smile?

InFocus

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Valkyrie looks like a standard-issue Tom Cruise movie with the usual explosions, intrigue and wild action. The missing key element is his megawatt smile. His Col. Claus von Stauffenberg is so stern-faced he makes the expression-challenged Buster Keaton seem riotously animated by comparison.

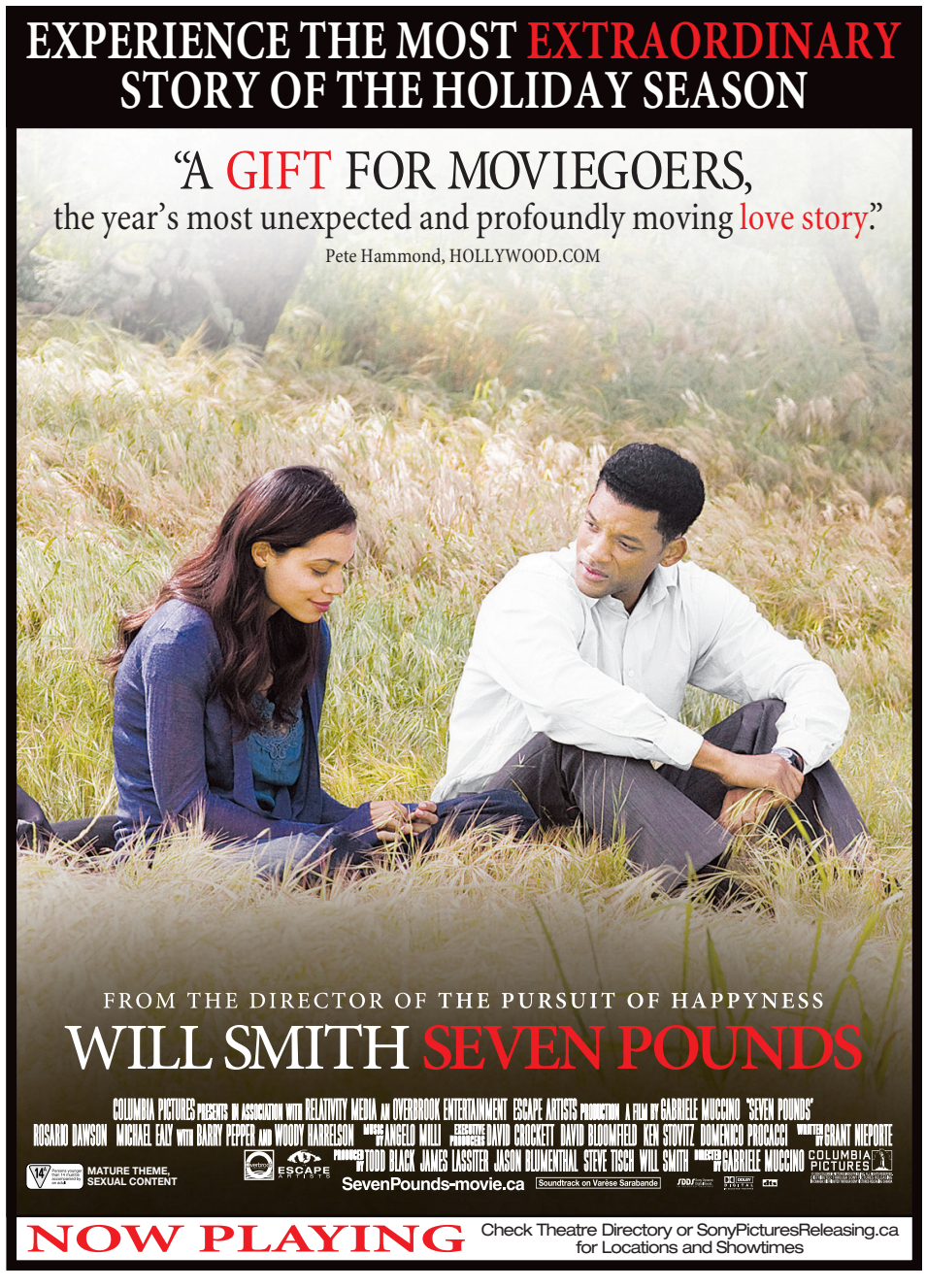
If Helen of Troy was the face that launched a thousand ships, then Cruise has the smile that sold a million movie tickets. Wide and toothy, it stretches the full breadth of his face as a physical manifestation of his movie-star charisma.

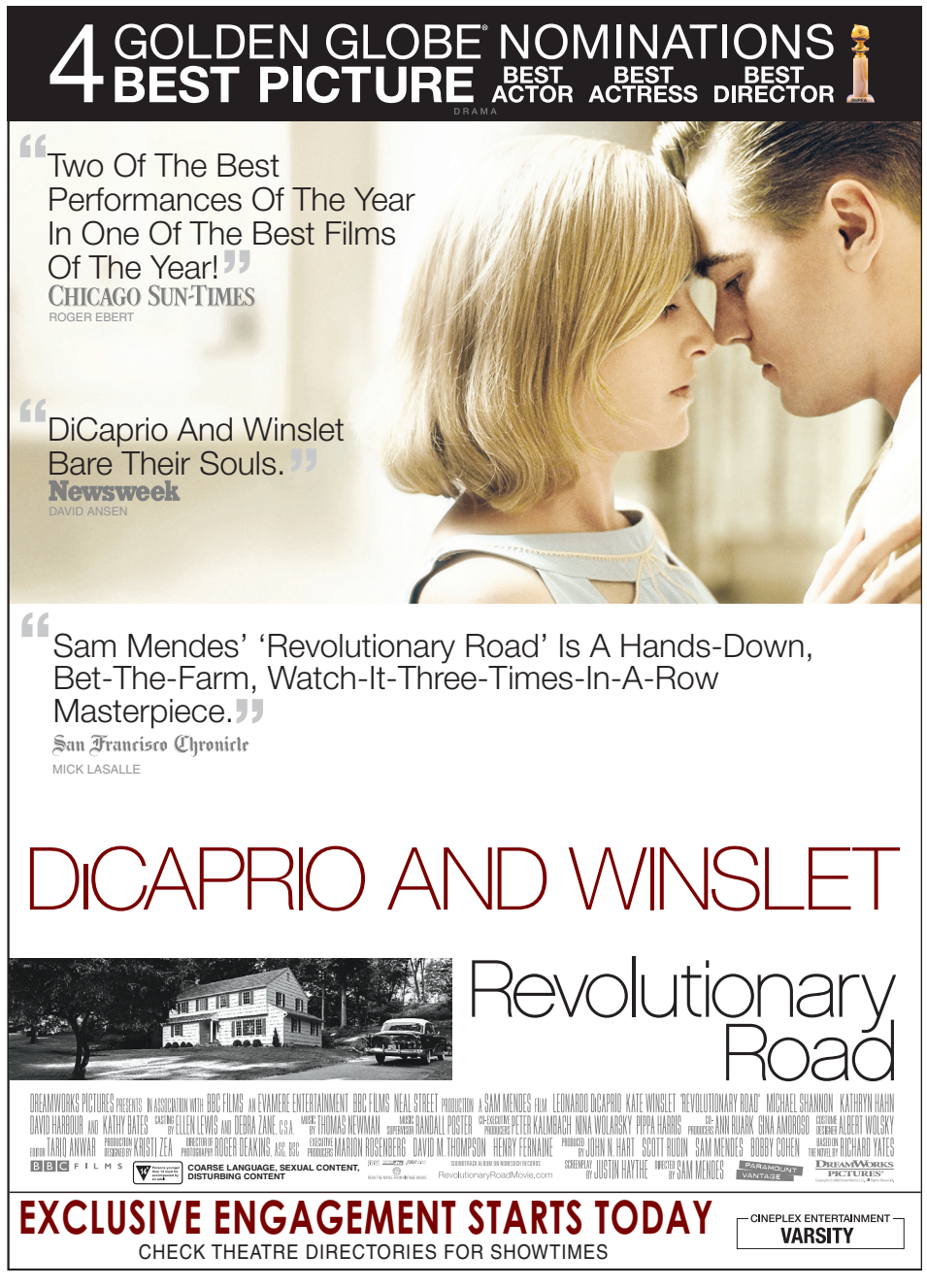
The smile debuted in a Risky Business scene where he recruits clients for his new business. There it was a charming, non-aggressive symbol of his self-assuredness. The '80s saw the lopsided grin become a pop-culture icon. It shone from the cockpit of his Top Gun F-14 and reflected off the Stoli bottles in Cocktail. In each of these films the smile is 90 per cent of the performance.

The villain characters of The Last Samurai and Collateral show the smile's emotional range. The smile is still there, but now it's menacing. For example, Vincent, the hit man in Collateral, uses an ominously icy smile when he's about to hurt people.

In one form or another, the smile has been front and centre in all of Cruise's hits. Without it, Valkyrie just doesn't feel like a real Cruise blockbuster.

Richard Crouse is the author of Son of the 100 Best Movies You've Never Seen and film critic for CTV's Canada AM.





Screen Times

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Appaloosa (14A) Fri 7 Sun 2 Mon 4:30
Ballast (14A) Sun 4:30 Mon 7 Tue 4:30
The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 4 Sat 1:30 Sun 6:30
Encounters at the End of the World (STC) Wed 4:30 Thu 7
My Winnipeg (14A) Wed 7 Thu 4:30
Repo! The Genetic Opera (18A) Fri 9:30 Sat 4:30-9:30 Sun 9:30 Mon 9 Tue 9:15 Wed 9
RocknRolla (14A) Sat 7 Tue 7
Still Life (PG) Thu 9

CARLTON
20 Carlton St., 416-598-2309

Australia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:45-8
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:50-6:40-9
A Christmas Tale (French w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Happy-Go-Lucky (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7-9:35
I've Loved You So Long (French w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:10-9:45
Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:30-7:20-10
Religulous (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:40-7:15-9:50
Synecdoche, New York (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4-6:50-9:20
Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-3:45-6:45-9:10

CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
159 Cumberland Ave., 416-646-0444

The Reader (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-10 Mon-Wed 12:45-3:45-6:45-10 Thu 3:45-6:45-10
Waltz With Bashir (Hebrew w/e.s.t.) (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:30-10:15
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-3:45-6:45 Sun 1:15-3:45-6:45 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:45
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-4:15-8 Mon-Thu 12:30-4:15-8 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-5-9 Mon-Thu 1:15-5-9
The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Thu 2-9:20
The Day the Earth Stood Still: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:20-6:55-9:45
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Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:45-4:25-7:25-10:25 No Passes Sun 1:45-4:25-7:25-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:25-7:25-10:25 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:50 Mon-Wed 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:50
Milk (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-7-10:10
Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 4:50-7:50-10:45 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:30
The Spirit (14A) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:20-7:10-10 Thu 1:20-4:20-7-10
Twilight (PG) Fri-Wed 12:25-3:10-6:20-9:30 Thu 12:25-3:10-9:30
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80 Front St., 416-494-9371

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THE ROYAL
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JCVD (14A) Sat 9:15 Sun-Mon 9:30 Tue-Wed 7
Monty Python and the Holy Grail (14A) Fri 9:30 Sat 7
Rachel Getting Married (14A) Sun-Mon 7 Tue-Wed 9 Thu 9:30

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Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:10 Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:25-9:05

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2200 Yonge St., 416-646-0444

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Bolt (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:40-9:10
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MT. PLEASANT THEATRE
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Passchendaele (14A) Fri-Sat 9:25 Sun 7 Thu 9:10

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Four Christmases (PG) Fri 11-12-1:30-2:40-3:40-5-6-7:30-8:15-9:45-10:30 Sat 11-12-1:30-2:40-3:40-5-6-7:30-8:15-9:45-10:30 Sun 11-12-1:30-2:40-3:40-5-6-7:30-8:15-9:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:40-3:40-5-6-7:30-8:15-9:45-10:30
Ghajini (14A) Fri 10:45-2:45-6:30-10:15 Sat 10:45-2:45-6:30-10:15 Sun 10:45-2:45-6:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:45-6:30-10:15
JCVD (14A) Fri 11:30-2:5:30-8-10:15 Sat 11:30-2-5:30-8-10:15 Sun 11:30-2-5:30-8-10:15 Mon-Thu 2-5:30-8-10:15
Role Models (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:45-5:10-7:55-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:10-7:55-10:35
Seven Pounds (14A) Fri 10:40-11:20-12-12:40-1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:40-5:20-6-6:40-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:40 Sat 10:40-11:20-12-12:40-1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:40-5:20-6-6:40-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:40 Sun 10:40-11:20-12-12:40-1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:40-5:20-6-6:40-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:40 Mon-Wed 1:55-2:25-3-3:40-4:40-5:20-6-6:40-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:40 Thu 1:55-2:25-3-3:40-5:20-6-6:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:40
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 11:15-1:20-2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:40-10:40 Sat 11:15-1:20-2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:40-10:40 Sun 11:15-1:20-2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:40-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:40-10:40
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri 11:10-12:20-1:40-2:40-4:05-5:05-6:25-7:25-9-10 Sat 11:10-12:20-1:40-2:40-4:05-5:05-6:25-7:25-9-10 Sun 11:10-12:20-1:40-2:40-4:05-5:05-6:25-7:25-9-10 Mon-Thu 2:40-4:05-5:05-6:25-7:25-9-10
Yes Man (PG) Fri 10:30-11:15-12-12:45-1:15-2-2:45-3:30-4-4:45-5:30-6-6:45-7:30-8:15-8:45-9:30-10:15-10:45 Sat 10:30-11:15-12-12:45-1:15-2-2:45-3:30-4-4:45-5:30-6-6:45-7:30-8:15-8:45-9:30-10:15-10:45 Sun 10:30-11:15-12-12:45-1:15-2-2:45-3:30-4-4:45-5:30-6-6:45-7:30-8:15-8:45-9:30-10:15-10:45 Mon-Thu 2-2:45-3:30-4-4:45-5:30-6-6:45-7:30-8:15-8:45-9:30-10:15-10:45

WEST END

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Ghajini (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri 2:30-6-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:45-6:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:45-9:15
Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri 3-6-9:15 Sat 12-6:30-9:45 Sun 12-3:15-6:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 6-9:15

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

Australia (PG) Fri-Thu 8
Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-3:50-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:50-7-9:35
Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:45-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 12:20-3:45-6:45-9:10
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:05-2:15-4:05-6:30-8:10-10:15 Mon-Tue 12:05-1-4:05-5-8:10-9 Wed 12:05-4:05-5-8:10-9 Thu 12:05-1-4:05-5-8:10-9 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sun 2-5-7:50-10:45 Mon-Thu 12:25-3:10-6:15-8:50
Doubt (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:50
Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:35-6:20-9 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:35-6:20-8:45
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55 Mon-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:45
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:15
Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:30
Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:15
Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 1-4:10-7:20-10:15
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:40 Mon-Tue 12:35-3:45-7:05-10 Wed 3:45-7:05-10 Thu 12:35-3:45-7:05-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:10
The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-3:15-6:35-9:10 Mon-Thu 12:10-3:15-6:35-9:05
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3-6:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 12-3-6:10-8:55
Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 12:50-4-7:10-10:05
Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:25

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:50-5-7:15-9:25
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:30-8
The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10
Marley & Me (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:05-9:40
Seven Pounds (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:45-9:35
The Spirit (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:05-6:55-9:15
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:45-4:55-7
Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:25
Yes Man (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-6:55-9:20

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-4:30-8:15 Mon-Thu 8:15
Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:20
Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:15-10:20 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-10
Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-4:45-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50

FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Changeling (14A) Fri-Sat 6:30 Sun-Mon 4 Tue 6:30 Wed 1:30
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Fri-Mon 1:30
I've Loved You So Long (14A) Fri-Sat 9:15 Sun-Mon 7 Tue 9:15
Passchendaele (14A) Wed-Thu 7
Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri 4 Sun-Mon 9:15
Role Models (14A) Wed-Thu 9:15

NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-3:50-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:20
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-4:10-8 Mon-Thu 4:10-8
Doubt (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:40-9:40
Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:40-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-7:10-9:55
Milk (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:20-6:20-9:10 Mon-Wed 3:30-6:20-9:25 Thu 3:30-9:25
Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:50
The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2:20-4:40-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:05
Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-9:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-9:30-10
Waltz With Bashir (Hebrew w/e.s.t.) (18A) Fri-Sun 1:45-5-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 5-7:40-9:45

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:20-7
The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:15-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:30-7:05-9:45
Four Christmases (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:40-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:10
Frost/Nixon (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1-1:45-4-5-7:10-8-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:05-5-6:45-7:50-9:30
Quantum of Solace (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 2-4:45-7:40-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:25-6:55-9:25
The Reader (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:35
The Spirit (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:15-4:50-7:45-10:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:50
Twilight (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:40
Yes Man (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:15-2:15-4:15-5:15-7:20-8:10-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:15-5:15-7:10-8-9:55

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-4:10-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:10-7-9:45
Bolt (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:15
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 2:15-6:30-10:20 No Passes Sun 2:15-6:15-10 Mon-Thu 12:30-4:15-8:15
The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sat 12:15-3-6:20-9:30 Sun-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:30-9:30
Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:15 Sun-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:20-9:55
Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:40 No Passes Sun 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:30
Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:50-4-7:10-10:30 No Passes Sun 12:35-3:40-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 12:35-3:40-6:50-9:55
The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:10 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:15-10
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sat 6:10-9:15 Sun-Thu 6:20-9:15
Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:40-6:45-10 Sun-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:50
Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 1-3:50-6:50-9:50 No Passes Sun 1-3:50-6:55-9:40 Mon-Thu 1-3:50-6:55-9:40

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ave. E., 416-644-7746

Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:20-9:40
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-6:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 12:30-4:15-7:50
The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 1-4-6:40-9:30
Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:30-6:50-9:20
Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:40-7:10
The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:25-9:55
The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:40 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:30-6:30
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 9:15 Mon-Thu 9:10
Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:15-10
Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50

SCARBOROUGH

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:20-9:45
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:55-4:40-8:30 Mon-Thu 12:55-4:40-8:30 No Passes Fri-Sun 11:50-3:50-7:40 Mon-Thu 11:50-3:50-7:40
Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:55-9:55
Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Thu 9:35
Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-3:15-4:30-7:30-9:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-3:15-4:30-7:30-9:20-10:30
The Spirit (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10
The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:35-7:10 Mon-Thu 11:45-2:10-4:35-7:10
Twilight (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-1:20-3:40-4:20-6:45-7:25-9:40-10:20
Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-12:45-3:45-6:20-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 12:15-12:45-3:45-6:20-6:50-9:50

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:20
Bolt (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:55 Mon-Thu 3:35
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2-4-6:30-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 4-4:45-7:45-8:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:50-7:55-10:45 Sun 1:40-4:50-7:55-10:35 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:15
Doubt (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:25-9:45
Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:10-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:35-9
Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-1:20-3:20-4:25-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:25-4:20-7:25-10:15
Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 6:55-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40
Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:50-3:50-6:40-7:30-9:45-10:40 No Passes Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-7:30-9:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:30-7:05-9:30-10:10
The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:40-7:45-10:35 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15-10:05
The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri 2:15-4:55-7:35-10:05 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:55-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:50
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-7:05-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:55-9:55
Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:50 Sun 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10
Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:50-1-2:40-3:50-6:20-7-9:15-10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6-6:50-8:50-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:45-9:15
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-4:15-8 Mon-Thu 3:45-8
The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:45-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30-10:05
Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:35-9:40
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:15-4:25 Mon-Thu 4:10
Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:20-6:15-9:05 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:25-9:05
Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-4:05-7:10 Mon-Thu 4-7:10
The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:55
The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-2:30-5-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 5-7:20-9:30
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:20-9
Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:30-9:25
Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:40-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-9:50

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Australia (PG) Fri 11:35-3-6:25-10 Sat 11:35-3-6:25-10 Sun 11:35-3-6:25-10 Mon-Thu 3-6:25-10
Bedtime Stories (G) Fri 11-11:45-12:30-1:30-2:15-3-4-4:45-5:30-6:30-7:15-8-9-9:40-10:30 Sat 11-11:45-12:30-1:30-2:15-3-4-4:45-5:30-6:30-7:15-8-9-9:40-10:30 Sun 11-11:45-12:30-1:30-2:15-3-4-4:45-5:30-6:30-7:15-8-9-9:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:15-3-4-4:45-5:30-6:30-7:15-8-9-9:40-10:30
The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:20-8:05-9:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:30-4:55-7:20-8:05-9:50-10:35
Doubt (PG) Fri-Sun 12-12:45-2:25-3:10-4:50-5:35-7:15-8-9:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:25-3:10-4:50-5:35-7:15-8-9:40-10:25
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri 11:15-2-4:45-7:30-10:15 Sat 11:15-2-4:45-7:30-10:15 Sun 11:15-2-4:45-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:15
Ghajini (14A) Fri 11:05-2:40-6:20-10 Sat 11:05-2:40-6:20-10 Sun 11:05-2:40-6:20-10 Mon-Thu 2:40-6:20-10
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 11:25-12:15-2-2:50-4:40-5:25-7:20-8:05-9:55-10:40 Sat 11:25-12:15-2-2:50-4:40-5:25-7:20-8:05-9:55-10:40 Sun 11:25-12:15-2-2:50-4:40-5:25-7:20-8:05-9:55-10:40 Mon-Thu 2-2:50-4:40-5:25-7:20-8:05-9:55-10:40
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri 11:30-1:40-3:50-6 Sat 11:30-1:40-3:50-6 Sun 11:30-1:40-3:50-6 Mon-Thu 3:50-6
Marley & Me (PG) Fri 11:30-1:30-2:15-4:15-5-7-7:45-9:45-10:30 Sat 11:30-1:30-2:15-4:15-5-7-7:45-9:45-10:30 Sun 11:30-1:30-2:15-4:15-5-7-7:45-9:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:15-5-7-7:45-9:45-10:30
Milk (14A) Fri 11:20-2:10-5:05-7:50-10:35 Sat 11:20-2:10-5:05-7:50-10:35 Sun 11:20-2:10-5:05-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:10-5:05-7:50-10:35
Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi (STC) Fri 11:20-3:05-6:25-9:55 Sat 11:20-3:05-6:25-9:55 Sun 11:20-3:05-6:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:05-6:25-9:55
The Reader (14A) Fri 11:40-2:20-5:05-7:50-10:40 Sat 11:40-2:20-5:05-7:50-10:40 Sun 11:40-2:20-5:05-7:50-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:20-5:05-7:50-10:40
Role Models (14A) Fri 11:05-1:25-3:50-6:10-8:30-10:40 Sat 11:05-1:25-3:50-6:10-8:30-10:40 Sun 11:05-1:25-3:50-6:10-8:30-10:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:10-8:30-10:40
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 11:25-1:25-2:20-4:15-5-7-7:45-9:45-10:35 Sat 11:25-1:25-2:20-4:15-5-7-7:45-9:45-10:35 Sun 11:25-1:25-2:20-4:15-5-7-7:45-9:45-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:15-5-7-7:45-9:45-10:35

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

Ghajini (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri 2:30-6-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:45-6:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:45-9:15
Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri 3-6-9:15 Sat-Sun 12-3:15-6:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 6-9:15

PEEL REGION

CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:10 Mon-Tue 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:10 Wed 4:30-7:30-10:10 Thu 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:10 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:10-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:10-6:30-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (

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Screen Times

THESE PAGES COVER MOVIE START TIMES FROM FRI., JAN. 2 TO THURS., JAN. 8. TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Thu 2-4:35-7:15-10

Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:45-5:10-7:35-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:10-7:35-9:55

Marley & Me (PG) Special Engagement Fri 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:25 Special Engagement Sat 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:25 Special Engagement Sun 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:25

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri 11:05-1:35-4:15-6:55-9:35 Sat 11:05-1:35-4:15-6:55-9:35 Sun 11:05-1:35-4:15-6:55-9:35 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:15-6:55-9:35

Seven Pounds (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-1:30-4:10-4:30-7:10-7:40-10:15-10:45 Mon-Wed 1:40-4:10-4:30-7:10-7:40-10:15-10:45 Thu 1:40-4:10-4:30-7:40-10:45

The Spirit (14A) Special Engagement Fri 11:35-2:15-5:7:50-10:35 Special Engagement Sat 11:35-2:15-5:7:50-10:35 Special Engagement Sun 11:35-2:15-5:7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:15-5:7:50-10:35

The Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri 11:45-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:40 Sat 11:45-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:40 Sun 11:45-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:20-9:40

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:25-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:25-10:20

Valkyrie (PG) Special Engagement Fri 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:25 Special Engagement Sat 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:25 Special Engagement Sun 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:25

Yes Man (PG) Fri 11:20-11:50-2-2:30-4:35-5:05-7:15-7:45-10-10:30 Sat 11:20-11:50-2-2:30-4:35-5:05-7:15-7:45-10-10:30 Sun 11:20-11:50-2-2:35-4:35-5:05-7:15-7:45-10-10:30 Mon-Wed 2-2:35-4:35-5:05-7:15-7:45-10-10:30 Thu 2-2:35-4:35-5:05-7:45-10:30

ORION GATE GRANDE
20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:20

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-4-8 Mon-Tue 4-8 Wed 4:30-8 Thu 4-8 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:15-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:20-9:50

Doubt (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-9:40

Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:40-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:45-9:15

Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:35-9:30

Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-7:10:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-7-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:20-6:30 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:25

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 9:15 Mon-Thu 9:10

Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-10

Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-9:55

SILVERCITY MISSISSAUGA
3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-1:45-3:50-4:45-6:50-7:40-9:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-4:45-6:50-7:40-9:40-10:10

Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40 Mon-Thu 3:40

Doubt (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:20-7-9:45

Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:30-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:50-10:15

Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:45-10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45-10

Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-1-3:20-4-6:30-7:10-9:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:20-4-6:30-7:10-9:30-10:05

Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:40-7:20-9:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-7:20-9:50-10:15

The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:55

SQUARE ONE
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The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes, Stadium Seating, THX Fri-Thu 2-5:35-9:10 No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-4:10-7:50

Doubt (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:15-5-7:40-10:20

Ghajini (14A) Sub-Titled, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-5:20-9:20

Marley & Me (PG) No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-1:50-3:40-4:30-6:40-7:20-9:30-10:10

Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-1:40-3:50-4:40-6:50-7:30-9:40-10:30

Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7-9:50

Valkyrie (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:10-10

NORTH

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2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

Bolt (PG) Fri-Sun 7:40

Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 9:35

How to Lose Friends & Alienate People (14A) Fri-Sun 9:40

The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sun 7:35

Transporter 3 (14A) Fri-Sun 9:30

Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 7:40

AURORA CINEMAS
15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-4-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:15

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-6:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 8 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:30

Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:40-9:55

Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 9:50 Mon-Thu 8:45

Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:10:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:50

The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-10

The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30 Mon-Thu 6:30

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 3:15-9:20 Mon-Thu 9

Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:20-10

Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-1:50-3:45-4:40-6:40-7:25-9:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:15-3:45-6:30-7-9-9:30

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2:15-4-6:30-8-10:20 Mon-Thu 4-5-8-9

The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sun 8:10-11 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:15

The Day the Earth Stood Still: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-10

Doubt (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:05-6:55-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:45-10:10

Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:20-9 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:20-8:40

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Sun 12:15-3 Mon-Thu 3

Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-1:20-3:30-4:15-6:35-7:20-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:25-4:15-6:15-7:05-8:55-9:45

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-5-8-10:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:25-9:50

Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4:20-6:50-7:40-10-10:50 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:25-7:15-9:20-10:05

Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:15

The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:15

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:10-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:10-9:10

Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-1:40-3:50-4:50-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-4:10-7:10-10

Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-1:30-3:40-4:30-6:45-7:30-9:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:40-4:20-6:50-7:20-9:40-10:10

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10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-3:20-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:30-7:40

Bolt (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:10

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-4:20-8 Mon-Thu 6

The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sun 10:20 Mon-Thu 8:10

Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:30

Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:40

Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-3:30-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 5:40-8

The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:50-10:40 Mon-Thu 5:50-8

The Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri-Sun 12-3-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:30

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:40 Mon-Thu 5:45

Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 5:30-7:50

Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 5:40-7:45

FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:50-4:20-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:35

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-5-9 Mon-Thu 7:45

The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 7:25-9:55

Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:50-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:30

Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:40

Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-10 Mon-Thu 7-9:45

The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:40-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:30-10

The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-3:50-6:20 Mon-Thu 6:50

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 9:10 Mon-Thu 9:20

Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50

Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:25

INTERCHANGE 30
30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

Australia (PG) Fri 11:30-12:45-3-4:20-6:30-7:55-9:55 Sat 11:30-12:45-3-4:20-6:30-7:55-9:55 Sun 11:30-12:45-3-4:20-6:30-7:55-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:30-7:55-9:55

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:35-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:35-9:55

Body of Lies (14A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:15-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-10

Bolt (PG) Fri 11:15-1:30-4-6:15-9 Sat 11:15-1:30-4-6:15-9 Sun 11:15-1:30-4-6:15-9 Mon-Thu 4-6:15-9

Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Digital Fri-Sun 12-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Digital Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (14A) Fri-Sun 12:25-2:45-5:25-7:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:25-7:45-10:05

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri 11:55-2:35-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat 11:55-2:35-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sun 11:55-2:35-4:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:50

Changeling (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 4-7-10

High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Fri 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:30-10:15 Sat 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:30-10:15 Sun 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30-10:15

Lakeview Terrace (14A) Fri 11:45-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:45 Sat 11:45-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:45 Sun 11:45-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10-9:45

Milk (14A) Fri 11-12:30-1:45-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:15 Sat 11-12:30-1:45-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:15 Sun 11-12:30-1:45-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:15

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:20-4:25-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:25-7-9:20

Nothing Like the Holidays (PG) Fri 11:25-1:50-4:10-6:40-9:10 Sat 11:25-1:50-4:10-6:40-9:10 Sun 11:25-1:50-4:10-6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:10

Passchendaele (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:05-9:05 Mon-Thu 6:05-9:05

Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:50-10:25

Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri 11:10-1:50-4:55-7:40-10:25 Sat 11:10-1:50-4:55-7:40-10:25 Sun 11:10-1:50-4:55-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:40-10:25

Religulous (14A) Fri 11:50-2:15-4:35-7:10-9:30 Sat 11:50-2:15-4:35-7:10-9:30 Sun 11:50-2:15-4:35-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:10-9:30

RocknRolla (14A) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:15-6-9:05 Mon-Thu 6-9:05

Role Models (14A) Fri 11:30-2:25-4:50-7:25-9:50 Sat 11:30-2:25-4:50-7:25-9:50 Sun 11:30-2:25-4:50-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:25-9:50

The Secret Life of Bees (14A) Fri 11:20-2-4:35-7:55-10:30 Sat 11:20-2-4:35-7:55-10:30 Sun 11:20-2-4:35-7:55-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:55-10:30

Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:50-10:05

Synecdoche, New York (14A) Fri 11:15-1:55-4:40-7:25-10:10 Sat 11:15-1:55-4:40-7:25-10:10 Sun 11:15-1:55-4:40-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-10:10

The Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri 11-12:15-1:45-2:45-4:15-5-6:45-7:45-9:15-10 Sat 11-12:15-1:45-2:45-4:15-5-6:45-7:45-9:15-10 Sun 11-12:15-1:45-2:45-4:15-5-6:45-7:45-9:15-10 Mon-Thu 4:15-5-6:45-7:45-9:15-10

Transporter 3 (14A) Fri 11:45-2:25-5-7:40-10:20 Sat 11:45-2:25-5-7:40-10:20 Sun 11:45-2:25-5-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 5-7:40-10:20

Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:50-5:05-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:20-9:40

Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri-Sun 12-2:35-5:05-7:35-10:30 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:35-10:30

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Bedtime Stories (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:15-5:20-7:25-9:20

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:50-8:30

The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Thu 9:15

Marley & Me (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:25 Mon 3:40-6:50-9:25 Tue-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:25 Mon 1

Seven Pounds (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:35

The Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5-7:10

Yes Man (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-6:45-9

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Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:20-10:20 Mon 7:20-9:45 Tue 4:25-7:20-10:20 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:45

Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-4:15-7:15-10:10 Mon 7:15-10:10 Tue 4:15-7:15-10:10 Wed-Thu 7:15-10:10

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2-4-6:30-8-10:15 Mon 6:30-8-9:55 Tue 4-6:30-8-10:15 Wed-Thu 6:30-8-9:55

The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4:05-6:55-9:55 Mon 6:55-9:55 Tue 4:05-6:55-9:55 Wed-Thu 6:55-9:55

Doubt (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:35-7:35-10:35 Mon 7:35-10 Tue 4:35-7:35-10:35 Wed-Thu 7:35-10

Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:35 Mon 6:45-9:35 Tue 3:45-6:45-9:35 Wed-Thu 6:45-9:35

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20 Tue 4:20

Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-1:20-3:20-4:45-6:50-9:50 Mon 6:50-9:50 Tue 3:20-4:45-6:50-9:50 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:50

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Thu 6:40-9:50

Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-3:50-7:05-10:30 Mon 7:05-10:05 Tue 3:50-7:05-10:30 Wed-Thu 7:05-10:05

The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:40-7:45-10:45 Mon 7:45-10:15 Tue 4:40-7:45-10:45 Wed-Thu 7:45-10:15

The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:45-2:30-5:20-7:40-10:15 Mon 7:40-9:55 Tue 5:20-7:40-10:15 Wed-Thu 7:40-9:55

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:35-9:45 Mon 6:35-9:45 Tue 3:30-6:35-9:45 Wed-Thu 6:35-9:45

Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:10-10:25 Mon 7:10-10:10 Tue 3:40-7:10-10:25 Wed-Thu 7:10-10:10

Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7-7:50-10-10:40 Mon 7-7:50-9:40-10:15 Tue 4:10-7-7:50-10-10:40 Wed-Thu 7-7:50-9:40-10:15

SILVERCITY RICHMOND HILL
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Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2-4:20-6-8:15-10 Mon-Thu 4-5-8-9

The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:50-7:50-10:25 Sun 1:20-4:10-7:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:15

Doubt (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:55-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:55-9:45

Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:20-9 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:20-9

Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-3:30-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:40-9:40

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:45-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:45-9:30

Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:10:05 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20 Sun 1:20-4:25-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:25-10:15

The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:50-9:20

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 9:45 Mon-Thu 9:30

Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sat 1:15-4:10-7:10-10:10 Sun 1:15-4:10-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10

Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-6:50-10 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-10

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Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 7:25-10:25

Bolt (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:05

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-4-8 Mon-Thu 8 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:05-10:05

Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:15

Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Thu 7-10

Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:20

The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:30

The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:10

Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:15

Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:10

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Bedtime Stories (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-3:50-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40

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Seven Pounds (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-7:10 Mon-Thu 7:10

The Spirit (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:10

The Tale of Despereaux (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:20-6:55 Mon-Thu 6:55

Twilight (PG) Fri-Thu 9:20

Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 7-10

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Chakk de Phatte (In Punjabi) (PG) Fri-Sun 4:15-7:45 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:40

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Ghajini (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-5:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-8:55

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Sun 1:10 Mon-Thu 3

Marley & Me (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-3:30-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:25

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 9:30 Mon-Thu 9:15

Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Sun 1-5-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:15-9

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Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:25 Mon-Thu 4-7:10-9:55

Yes Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-9:45

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Australia (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3:30-7:10:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-7:10:30

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Special Engagement Fri 10:15-11-11:45-2:35-3:20-6:15-7:05-9:50-10:35 Special Engagement Sat 10:15-11-11:45-2:35-3:20-6:15-7:05-9:50-10:35 Special Engagement Sun 10:15-11-11:45-2:35-3:20-6:15-7:05-9:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 12:30-2:45-4-6:15-7:30-9:45 Special Engagement Fri-Sun 1:50-5:25-8:55 Mon-Thu 1:45-5:15-8:45

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Ghajini (14A) Sub-Titled Fri-Thu 1:05-4:55-8:45

Gran Torino (14A) Special Engagement Fri 11:30-1:35-2:20-4:25-5:10-7:15-8-10:05-10:45 Special Engagement Sat 11:30-1:35-2:20-4:25-5:10-7:15-8-10:05-10:45 Special Engagement Sun 11:30-1:35-2:20-4:25-5:10-7:15-8-10:05-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:35-2:20-4:25-5:10-7:15-8-10:05-10:45

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The Reader (14A) Special Engagement Fri 10:40-1:30-4:35-7:35-10:35 Special Engagement Sat 10:40-1:30-4:35-7:35-10:35 Special Engagement Sun 10:40-1:30-4:35-7:35-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:35-10:35

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Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:05-9:50

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Twilight (PG) Fri 11:05-1:45-4:45-7:30-10:20 Sat 11:05-1:45-4:45-7:30-10:20 Sun 11:05-1:45-4:45-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:30-10:20

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Yes Man (PG) Fri 11:10-11:50-1:10-1:50-2:30-3:50-4:30-5:10-6:40-7:20-8-9:20-10:10-10:40 Sat 11:10-11:50-1:10-1:50-2:30-3:50-4:30-5:10-6:40-7:20-8-9:20-10:10-10:40 Sun 11:10-11:50-1:10-1:50-2:30-3:50-4:30-5:10-6:40-7:20-8-9:20-10:10-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:10-1:50-2:30-3:50-4:30-5:10-6:40-7:20-8-9:20-10:10-10:40

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Top 5 CDs according to Amazon.ca
1. Day And Age, The Killers; 2. The Priests, The Priests; 3. A Winter Symphony, Sarah Brightman; 4. Funhouse, Pink; 5. Soul, Seal. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

See-through lives of indie rock

Amos The Transparent lets its fans in on every aspect of the music outfit's travels

BRIAN TOWIE
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The term transparent in Amos The Transparent couldn't stick better.

The Ottawa-based indie rock outfit takes its fans beyond the music, posting videos of their adventures, touring across the country and recording in-studio on their website. Hours stuck in traffic singing Celine Dion songs (ironically, of course), fussing over stacks of ready-made grocery store pies, sound checks on short notice — the life of a travelling band can be a rough one.

"Being in a band means nothing nowadays and it's not glorious. Your grandmother could be in a band," says Amos creator and frontman Jonathan Chandler. "So we thought it would be a fun, experimental thing to do that no one's really done before."

On Celine Dion he adds, "That was our bass player (James Nicol). You can only cycle through Kings of Leon so many times."

"I would say that it's pretty hard to classify our music, or any kind of indie rock for that matter."
Frontman Jonathan Chandler, Amos The Transparent

But indie rock lovers are cycling through Amos The Transparent more and more. Their experimental arrangements on debut Everything I've Forgotten To Forget, based in folky acoustic melodies and classic rock, have gone over well with audiences at venues across the land — some including openers for Polaris Prize winner Patrick Watson.

Live

- Amos The Transparent play Rancho Relaxo tonight with Whale Tooth and Bellewoods.

Amy Millan of the Stars — birthed in part by music collective Broken Social Scene, which Amos The Transparent has been compared with — took notice of the band after a 2006 Bluesfest show in Ottawa, which led to a album guest star spot on track After All That It's Come To This.

"I would say that it's pretty hard to classify our music, or any kind of indie rock for that matter," Chandler said. "Certainly to Broken Social Scene, which I think happened because we originally started with eight people and they're such a large group too."

However you classify Amos' sound (if you indeed do), it has existed for a long time, at least in Chandler's head. He kept his vision to himself while playing in The Architects, another Ottawa indie pop outfit, whose modus operandi was to take a bandmate's song idea, play around with it and shape it into something else entirely.

"I never intended for it to be released," he said. "But I demoed it for fun and (drummer) Chris Wilson heard it and said, 'You have to do something with these songs.'"

In the meantime, Chandler plans to release more for an exclusively digital EP in late January, which he says is the reason we haven't seen any recent online docs. But fans take note: they're on their way.

"I don't want to show my hand completely," he said. "But yeah, we're tampering with new interesting stuff."

For a link to the band's website check out metronews.ca/music

Amos The Transparent's sound is hard to classify, but it's been on the mind of frontman Jonathan Chandler for a long time.

Top prospects for 2009 music season

SoundCheck

Alan Cross
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Wondering who's going to rock your world in 2009? Here are some possibilities:

LAND OF TALK: Female-fronted, Montreal-based band has a chance at being a Big Deal in 2009, especially since Metric has taken so long to release their next record. Singer Elizabeth Powell has something special going on.

DEAD CONFEDERATE: Fuzzy, spacey band managed by the same folks who fostered a little band called "Nirvana" back in the day. Not your typical Georgia band.

FRANZ FERDINAND: Their third record, Tonight: Franz Ferdinand, will be out on the 27th. I've heard it and I like it a lot. The flourishes from Soviet-era synthesizers are a nice touch.

FIGHT LIKE APES: Insanely raw group from Dublin that is about as far from U2 as you can get. The singer's name is Maykay. She might be crazy, but I already adore her. Pre-order their debut album now.

LUDO: St. Louis post-emo group that reminds me of a young Weezer. Cheeky and clever.

U2: Hopes and wishes are that No Line on the Horizon (due March 3) will revitalize the record and concert industry during these times of economic woe. Not that they haven't been drafted into doing that before (See Achtung Baby, Pop and All That You Can't Leave Behind).

GUNS N' ROSES: What if — and this doesn't take too much imagination — Axl wakes up one morning and realizes the best way to channel his genius is through Slash's guitar? And maybe Izzy Stradlin isn't doing anything terrible important and also has a cash flow problem? If you put enough money on the table, anything's possible.

SANTOGOLD: When I saw Santi White and her crew open for Coldplay last year, I wasn't moved. Not a bit. Nothing. I've since had a change of heart. There's a weird mix of indie rock and electronica going on her that I really like.

TING TINGS: Now that the White Stripes made two-piece bands cool, many groups — DFA 1979, Black Keys, Dresden Dolls, One Day as a Lion — have cut down on overhead and eliminated the fluffy bits. (Oddly, among these groups, drummers have yet to be downsized, laid-off or outsourced.) Of this bunch, I vote for the Ting Tings, probably because singer Katie White is so damned hot.

COLDPLAY: They conquered the world — again — in 2008.

Now what?

Franz Ferdinand's third album could be one of the big releases of 2009, writes Alan Cross.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read the daily Music Geek blog at ongoinghistory.com

Metro recommends

- **BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB, LIVE AT CARNEGIE HALL:** The Cuban collective's exuberant live performance is caught on tape on only the second album featuring the original members ever released.

- **FALL OUT BOY, FOLIE À DEUX:** Chicago pop-punk outfit sheds emo handcuffs, adds a little prog rock and gets some help from Debbie Harry and Lil Wayne on its fifth studio offering.
- **FEMI KUTI, DAY BY DAY:** The son of legendary African musician Fela Kuti delivers an irresistible collection of danceable Afrobeat cuts.

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TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS
1 Poker Face Lady Gaga ft. Colby O'Donis
2 Live Your Life T.I. ft. Rihanna
3 Decode Paramore
4 Right Now (Na Na Na) Akon
5 Heartless Kanye West
6 Hot N Cold Katy Perry
7 Rock N' Roll Train AC/DC
8 Circus Britney Spears
9 Love Story Taylor Swift
10 I'm So Paid Akon
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Phantom sequel underway
The long-awaited sequel to Phantom of the Opera, called Phantom: Love Never Dies, should be ready at the end of 2009, composer Andrew Lloyd Webber said, adding that a simultaneous opening on three continents is possible. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Going Out

Mix of Six

HOT & HAPPENING WEEKEND EVENTS AROUND THE CITY
For more great events around the city, visit: **metronews.ca/entertainment**

Aga-Boom
When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Where: St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E.

Laugh away the chilly, winter blues with some slapstick comedy. This 75-minute show created by a veteran of Cirque Du Soleil, Dimitri Bogatirev, is packed with zaniness and wackiness like nothing you've seen before. Tickets: $39-$65. For more information, call 416-366-7723.

The Light Before Christmas
When: Until Sunday
Where: Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Rd.

Catch a showing of this stop-motion animation, which tells a tale of siblings who are rescued during a Christmas Eve blizzard by a wise, old sage. Enjoy a movie-making tour and learn how characters and sets are brought to life. Price: $8-$12. For more information, visit *ontariosciencecentre.ca*.

Winter Carnival Animation Workshop
When: Until Sunday, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: NFB Mediatheque, 150 John St.

Learn how to make animated film with the help of NFB facilitators. Build a snow person, take part in an ice-fishing contest and wave to the crowds at the carnival parade; all in animation. Admission: $5 per child with supervising adults admitted for free at 416-973-3012.

An Edwardian Christmas
When: Until Sunday
Where: Spadina Historic House and Gardens, 285 Spadina Rd.

Explore the traditionally decorated estate of a wealthy Toronto family, filled with red bows and poinsettias. Drink a warm cup of cider while learning the family traditions of the Austin family. It's a glimpse into the past with holiday cheer. Price: $4.50-$9.

Aladdin (Musical)
When: Until Sunday, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
Where: Solar Stage Children's Theatre, 100 Upper Madison Ave.

Watch the classic story of Aladdin unfold with his magic lamp and three wishes. This interactive musical adaptation by director Zenon Skrzypczyk will wow your children and keep mom and dad amused. Recommended for ages 3-10. Price: $10-$19 at 416-368-8031.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited
When: Friday, Saturday, 9 p.m.
Where: Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort, 6380 Fallsview Blvd.

Surround yourself with vibrant energy while this band touches upon rock songs of a past generation. Chase the lonely, winter night away surrounded by the music of Doug Clifford, Stu Cook, Steve Gunner, Tal Morris and John Tristao. Price: $26.25-$47.25 at 1-877-833-3110.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Valkyrie
Tom Cruise's Valkyrie is doing better than expected. The Second World War thriller earned $21.5 million over last weekend and $30 million over four days since its Christmas Day release.

2 Nail resolution
Thinking about starting the new year with a promise to yourself? Britney Spears' New Year's resolution is to stop biting her nails and take better care of her hands, but she won't be too hard on herself if she fails, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Actress Joanna Page also made the same resolution this year.

3 Christmas with the folks
It seems everyone has been spending time with relatives this holiday season — even the stars. Acting brothers Matt and Kevin Dillon are famous, but they've never missed a Christmas at home with their parents and four other siblings, PageSix.com reports.

4 Entertainer of the Year
Actress Tina Fey was voted as The Associated Press' Entertainer of the Year. AP members chose the 30 Rock star and Saturday Night Live Sarah Palin spoofer as the performer who had a greatest impact on culture and entertainment in 2008.

5 Intuition
Jamie Foxx finished 2009 on a high note. The album Intuition, which came out last week, debuted at No. 3 on the Billboard 200 album chart. It was the week's top debut.

6 Buff president
Barack Obama has created quite a stir after he was photographed shirtless while vacationing in Hawaii last month. The soon-to-be president is one of the few leaders of the world with a pretty nice physique.

7 Across the border
Mexico was the place to be this New Year's. Star Jennifer Aniston ushered in 2009 with Courtney Cox Arquette and her beau, while George Clooney, Kid Rock and Cindy Crawford caught some rays, tmz.com reports.

The Hot Ticket: Enza supermodel's scoop on Toronto's hottest parties

NEW AND OLD
Out with the old, in with the new. Old was Ultra Supper Club's New Year's Eve last dinner and dance with 1000-plus guests before it reopens in February. New was the ROM's Crystal NYE 2009 party that had 2000-plus revellers toasting the New Year with the traditional midnight kiss. Happy New Year everyone.

CRYSTAL, LEFT: NYE party bombshell Elizabeth Gray.

CRYSTAL: A NYE party couple, Steelback Brewery account rep Christina Mayer and party boy Paul Mailing.

ULTRA: Ultra Supper Club owner Brenda Lowes and VIP event host Mike Chalut.

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Dillon driving too fast

Actor Matt Dillon was charged with driving at an excessive speed for allegedly going 106 m.p.h. on an interstate highway in Vermont. If convicted at his Jan. 21 court date, he could face three months in jail and be fined $300. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Television

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News in brief

LEGAL The half-brother of comedian Dane Cook has pleaded not guilty to embezzling millions from the comedian. Prosecutors allege Darryl McCauley, 43, stole the money while being paid $12,500 a month as business manager for Great Dane Enterprises, Inc.

DONATION An innovative private school in one of Atlanta's poorest neighbourhoods received a surprise cheque for $365,000 US from Oprah Winfrey, donated through the Oprah Winfrey Foundation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Grace Park as Sharon Agathon on Battlestar Galactica.

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family		551	542	25	YTV	*H2O: The Movie* (2008, Fantasy) Cariba Heine, Claire Holt.				Falcon Beach		Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.
		554	544	45	TEL	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6teen	6teen	Misadventures	Futurama	Father of Pride	Robot Chicken	Life's a Zoo
		556	540	51	FAM	Wizards-Place	*Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen* ★★			*Smart House* ★★ (1999, Comedy)			*Pixel Perfect* ★★ (2004)	
cable variety		615	520	31	A&E	CSI: NY (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Rio" (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds
		575	583	38	CMT	Hottest Men of Country		Chevy Cross Canada Countdown (N)				CMT Star Crossed		Johnny Cash
		616	521	39	SHO	The Best Years (DVS)		The Guard (HDTV)		Testees	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Webdreams	Sin Cities
		294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Swordfish* ★★ (2001, Suspense) John Travolta, Halle Berry.				Steve Harvey	Seinfeld	Family Guy
		581	566	52	MTV	Girls-Latitude	After	Made "Ballroom Dancer"		Bromance Lingerie party.		The City	The City	After
		603	561	56	FOOD	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In
		300	601	301	M1	*Harry Potter-Phoenix*		Sanctuary "Revelations"		*Flawless* ★★ (2007, Crime Drama) Michael Caine.				*Vacancy*

SATURDAY

TO		Vu	SC		C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	1/3/09	265	353	2	TVO	Australia: Land of Parrots		*The Beast* ★★★ (1988, War) George Dzundza.				(10:15) *Three Kings* (1999, War)		
		211	331	3	GTV	Branded: Saving Our Town		Zero Hour		Mob Stories		Go Deep "Mississippi"		News (N)
		215	343	4	OMN1	Na Luzie		Svitohliad		Russian Waves		Follow Your Dreams (German).		MADtv
		210	302	6	CBC	NHL Hockey Ottawa Senators at Toronto Maple Leafs. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Edmonton Oilers.		
		214	344	7	CITY	Survivorman (DVS)		Crusoe (HDTV)		*Killer Bees* (2002, Suspense) C. Thomas Howell. (DVS)				News (N)
		212	313	8	CTV	NFL Football: NFC Wild-Card		NFL Football AFC Wild-Card -- Indianapolis Colts at San Diego Chargers. (HDTV) (Live)						News (N)
		218	345	11	E!	TV Made, Do It	The Soup	Behind-Scenes	Behind-Scenes	*Mom, Dad and Her* (2008, Drama) Melora Hardin.				News (N)
		-	387	16	CBS	Paid Program	Paid Program	Game Show	Game Show	Cold Case "Boy Crazy"		48 Hours Mystery		News (N)
		-	385	17	NBC	NFL Football: NFC Wild-Card		NFL Football AFC Wild-Card -- Indianapolis Colts at San Diego Chargers. (HDTV) (Live)						News (N)
		-	386	18	ABC	Thomas	Paid Program	*Sleepless in Seattle* ★★★ (1993, Romance-Comedy) (HDTV) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan.						News
		219	346	20	ACH-B	*Anne of Green Gables: The Continuing Story* ★★ (DVS)				Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		News (N)
		-	-	28	FOX	*Out of Sight*	Paid Program	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	MADtv
		-	388	61	PBS	All Creatures Great and Small		Ballykissangel		Sherlock Holmes		Poirot		Contemporary
news		500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley Breaks the News		Investigations
sports		405	417	22	net	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Best Damn Sports Show		The Ultimate Fighter		Heads-Up Poker Champ.		Sportsnet Con.
		400	400	30	TSN	Pregame	Junior Hockey 2009 IIHF World Championship Semifinal -- Teams TBA.					SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
family		551	542	25	YTV	Wolverine	Transformers	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air	Storm Hawks	Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.
		554	544	45	TEL	*Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed* ★★ (2004, Comedy)				Johnny Test	Futurama	*Aeon Flux* ★★ (2005, Science Fiction)		
		556	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Around the World in 80 Days* ★★ (2004)			*Only You* ★★ (1994)	
cable variety		615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Broken"		CSI: Miami "Breathless"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Sopranos (HDTV)		The Sopranos
		575	583	38	CMT	Garth Brooks: Kansas City Concert			Totally "Garth Brooks"		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Garth Brooks
		616	521	39	SHO	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	*Loch Ness* ★★ (1996, Adventure) Ted Danson, Ian Holm.				*Spider-Man 2* ★★★ (2004, Action)		
		294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Soldier* ★ (1998, Science Fiction) Kurt Russell.				*Unleashed* ★★ (2005, Action) Jet Li.		
		581	566	52	MTV	MTV Live	After	Made "Ballroom Dancer"		MTV News	Girls-Latitude	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
		603	561	56	FOOD	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped
		300	601	301	M1	(7:15) *Another Cinderella Story* (2008) Selena Gomez.				*Bonneville* (2006, Drama) Jessica Lange.			(10:45) *Devil's Mercy*	

SUNDAY

TO		Vu	SC		C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	1/4/09	265	353	2	TVO	Palin-Sahara		Judah & Mohammad		Filth: The Mary Whitehouse Story			The View From Here	
		211	331	3	GTV	Ancestors	King of the Hill	*24: Redemption* (2008, Action) Kiefer Sutherland.				(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News (N)
		215	343	4	OMN1	Without a Trace		Friends	Johnny Lombardi		Noi Oggi	Metropia	Metropia	Vamos-Balinho
		210	302	6	CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		*Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe*				*Chronicles of Narnia*		fifth estate
		214	344	7	CITY	2Half Men	Two/Half Men	*Die Another Day* ★★ (2002, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry.					Less-Kind	News (N)
		212	313	8	CTV	NFL Football: NFC Wild-Card		Big Bang Th	Samantha Who	Desperate Housewives		(10:01) The Mentalist		News (N)
		218	345	11	E!	Greatest Myst.	Greatest Myst.	Extreme Makeover: Home		*Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy* (2004, Comedy)				News (N)
		-	387	16	CBS	60 Minutes		Million Dollar Password		Cold Case "Lotto Fever"		The Unit "Bad Beat" (N)		News (N)
		-	385	17	NBC	Saturday Night Live Sports Extra (PA) (N)				Superstars of Dance (Series Premiere) (N)				News (N)
		-	386	18	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News
		219	346	20	ACH-B	Funniest Home Videos		Million Dollar Password		Cold Case "Lotto Fever"		Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		News
		-	-	28	FOX	NFL Football: NFC Wild-Card		*24: Redemption* (2008, Action) Kiefer Sutherland.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
		-	388	61	PBS	The Lawrence Welk Show		Nature (HDTV) (DVS)		Masterpiece Classic "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" (DVS)				Independent
news		500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		D.L. Hughley
sports		405	417	22	net	UFC: Access	World Combat	World Combat League		World Combat League		World Combat League		Sportsnet Con.
		400	400	30	TSN	NHL Hockey	SportsCentre	Hockey 2009 World Under 17 Challenge Gold Medal. (Live)					SportsCentre	
family		551	542	25	YTV	(6) *Roll Bounce* (2005, Comedy-Drama)			Prank Patrol	The Next Star		Falcon Beach		Mystery Hnt.
		554	544	45	TEL	George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	*Batman Returns* ★★ (1992, Action)		
		556	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Awakenings* ★★★ (1990, Drama)			*Theodore Rex* ★ (1996)	
cable variety		615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Inside Out"		CSI: Miami
		575	583	38	CMT	Chevy Cross Canada Countdown				Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Prairie Town		Greatest
		616	521	39	SHO	The Guard (HDTV)		*A Daughter's Conviction* (2006, Mystery) Brooke Nevin.				*Ocean's Twelve* ★★★ (2004, Comedy-Drama)		
		294	529	47	TBS	(5:30) *Tin Cup* (1996)		*A.I.: Artificial Intelligence* ★★★ (2001, Science Fiction) Haley Joel Osment, Jude Law.						*A.I.: Artificial*
		581	566	52	MTV	Made "Ballroom Dancer"		Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	After
		603	561	56	FOOD	Kylie Kwong	Ace of Cakes	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Kylie Kwong	Kylie Kwong	Kylie Kwong
		300	601	301	M1	(7:15) *Bratz* ★ (2007, Comedy) Nathalia Ramos.				*The Bucket List* (2007, Comedy-Drama)			(10:45) *Drillbit Taylor*	

When I wish upon a TV star...

IntelleVision

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TRYING TO LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE: Another year has begun, and the paucity of TV news means lots of retrospective and anticipatory themes from columnists, so why should I be any different? Alan Sepinwall of the New Jersey Star-Ledger took time to take Shonda Rhimes, Tim Kring, the writers on House, Amy Sherman-Palladino and Jeff Zucker to task for, retrospectively, this season of Grey's Anatomy, this season of Heroes, the character of Remy (Thirteen) Hadley, The Return Of Jezebel James and the decision to abandon the 10 p.m. weekday time slot to Jay Leno's new show.

Over at televisionwithoutpity.com, Angel Cohn fervently wished for more Simon on American Idol, more fun on Heroes, a less annoying Pam on The Office, some real A-list stars on Dancing With The Stars, and some personality for Anna Torv's Olivia on Fringe. Reading over her list made me wonder a) that Fringe didn't get cancelled after three episodes, and b) that TV columnists sure watch a hell of a lot of TV.

Zap2it.com's TV critic Rick Porter made nine resolutions for the industry, wishing that CBS could wean itself off of police procedurals, that Fox could come up with a good comedy that wasn't a cartoon, that HBO can make a break from "the dense, somber shows the channel has tried out in the past couple years" (I disagree, but whatever,) and that NBC can "rediscover its soul," instead of programming based on profit margins from mediocre but mysteriously profitable shows. Good luck on that one.

Porter also wishes that Battlestar Galactica, about to head into the last half of its farewell season, will get a bit more respect from the industry. "None of the show's fine ensemble of actors has ever sniffed an Emmy or Golden Globe nomination," Porter writes, "and it counts no series honors and only a couple of writing and directing Emmy nods."

I'd second that, especially since Galactica is a prime example of exactly the sort of show no major network or "quality cable" outlet like HBO would ever get behind, despite the fact that shows like Galactica are probably the future of TV — genre-defying, intensely addictive, and wildly influential for at least the next few years. Beyond that, the only thing I'm hoping to see in the new year is a new series of Metalocalypse and those overdue Mary Tyler Moore Show box sets.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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New Year's engagement
American Idol star Gina Glocksen said, "I do," to her longtime boyfriend, school teacher Joe Ruzicka, on New Year's Eve, people.com has confirmed. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Richie hoping for baby No. 2

FAMILY It's baby time again for Nicole Richie and her rocker boyfriend, Joel Madden, starmagazine.com is reporting.

The Jan. 12 issue of the magazine reports that as their daughter Harlow gets ready to celebrate her first birthday, reformed party girl Nicole is taking vitamins, eating healthy and designing trendy maternity wear in preparation for her second pregnancy.

"Nicole simply told Joel that she wants another baby — right away," a friend confides to Star. "He was a little overwhelmed at first, but now he's with her 100 per cent. They're both thrilled about adding to their family."

And, after overcoming a rocky period in their relationship, the couple seems to be in a good place to expand their family.

Nicole and Joel went through a "rough patch, but now things are amazing between them," says a source. "Nicole knows it's because they're both so happy with Harlow, and she truly believes another baby will double their commitment."

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Lewis favoured for Mariah musical role

PEOPLE Mariah Carey wants singer Leona Lewis to play her in a musical of her life, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Touch My Body singer has reportedly agreed to see her story immortalized in a stage show in New York's famous Broadway district and is said to be particularly keen to have the British star take on the lead role.

A source said: "Mariah's not sure if she'll star in it herself. If she doesn't, names being tossed around include High School Musical star Vanessa Hudgens and Desperate Housewives actress Eva Longoria. But Mariah secretly likes the idea of Leona Lewis playing her." A spokesperson has confirmed to Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper that Mariah is in talks for a Broadway musical to be made about her life in 2009.

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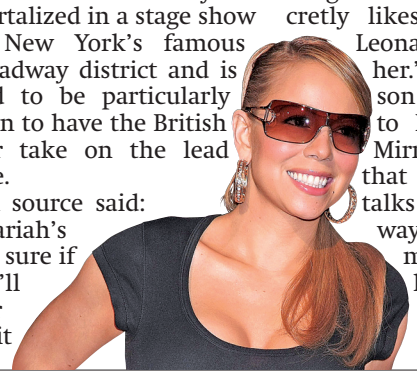

DJ AM explains lawsuit

LEGAL DJ AM wants us to know he's not taking the fatal plane crash he survived personally, people.com reports.

In response to reports about his recently filed negligence lawsuit against those his legal camp feels are liable for the Sept. 19 crash that killed four and left AM and Travis Barker with severe burns, the celebrity spinner has taken issue with the interpretation that he is suing the families of the deceased pilots.

"Normally I don't feel like I NEED to make a statement like this, but after I read some recently reported untruths I feel like I have to," AM, whose real name is Adam Goldstein, wrote on his MySpace blog. "I want to take a second to address the hurtful posts and clear up any misunderstandings any of you may have about my lawsuit. I would NEVER sue the deceased pilots' estates or personal holdings."

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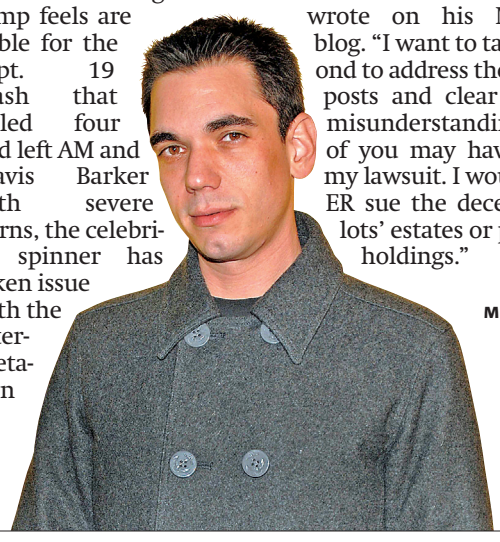

Williams craves Timberlake duet

PEOPLE Michelle Williams would love to record a duet with Justin Timberlake, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The website says the former Destiny's Child singer admires the SexyBack star's hard working attitude and also his gorgeous body.

She said: "I like Justin Timberlake. He is not only hot, he also has an amazing work ethic. If I met him I would ask him if we could do a duet. By duet, I mean make a record together."

Although Michelle has a soft spot for Justin, she admits she would rather date a more mature man but doesn't care what they look like.

"I want a guy who is older than me — so that rules out Justin, although he is mature for his age. I wouldn't want anyone older than 34. He doesn't have to be overly cute because I don't want him hogging the mirror. He would need to be funny, loyal and have his own career."

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Hudson to sing at Obama event?

PERFORMANCE Jennifer Hudson may perform at Barack Obama's Inauguration, usmagazine.com is reporting. The performance would be her first since her mother, brother and 7-year-old nephew were brutally murdered in Chicago last October. "Organizers want Jennifer to sing The Star-Spangled Banner at the Inauguration on January 20," a source tells the New York Post, which first reported the news. "She is from Chicago and a huge Obama supporter."

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Need a light? Just ask Biel

PEOPLE Jessica Biel carries a cigarette lighter even though she doesn't smoke, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

She said: "I'm not a smoker, but I always feel really left out when everybody goes out to smoke, so I join them and light their cigarettes."

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Latifah targeted in jewelry theft

THEFT Paris Hilton is not the only recent celebrity victim of jewelry theft — this time, thieves have gone after items belonging to Queen Latifah, msn.com reports.

The website says Queen Latifah, whose real name is Dana Owens, had more than $10,000 worth of jewelry reportedly stolen from her luxury villa in Tobago, an island resort in the Caribbean, according to the local paper, Trinidad and Tobago's Newsday.

Two gold rings, a gold chain and a silver ring were allegedly taken from the singer's $1,000-a-night villa.

Tobago police told the paper they believe a staff member committed the theft. Local police have also reportedly questioned several employees of Stone Haven Villas.

"Investigators said the larceny seems to be an inside job and efforts are being made round the clock to make a breakthrough," acting police commissioner James Philbert told the paper.

According to the paper, the singer said the missing jewelry held sentimental value to her and she is willing to offer a reward for its return.

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Criss proposed to Holly: Witness

RELATIONSHIPS Holly Madison and Criss Angel may be walking down the aisle, usmagazine.com reports.

The gossip site quotes and E! report that the couple — who have been dating since Madison's October split from Hugh Hefner — were spotted at Berger & Son Fine Jewelers in Las Vegas on Christmas Eve eyeing rings.

"They were looking at one ring and Criss said, 'Would you marry me?'" a spy told E!. "Holly didn't say anything. She just looked at him."

A rep for Madison admits Angel picked up bling for her — but says it's not for a wedding.

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Costar praises Black's kissing

TELEVISION Cloris Leachman displays some serious PDA with Jack Black in an upcoming episode of The Office, usmagazine.com reports. "I have an intimate scene with Jack Black," Leachman told Entertainment Tonight. So is Black — 43 years her junior — a good smoocher? "Yeah!" she said.

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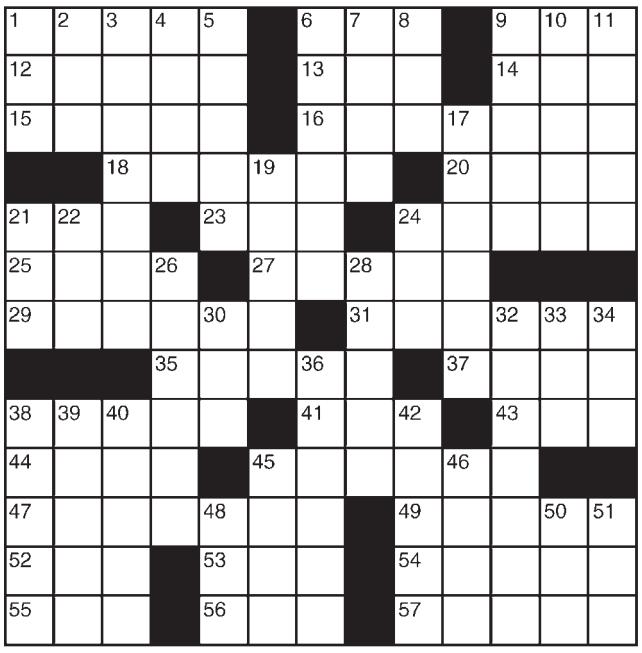

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

1 Quantities stolen
6 Boom times
9 Harvest goddess
12 Up to
13 Enthusiast
14 Torched
15 Mrs. Gorbachev
16 Render untraditionally
18 Incision implement
20 Leak slowly
21 Mueller's org.
23 State of India
24 Twangy
25 Lounge about
27 Unfriendly
29 EBBs collectively
31 Veer
35 Excuse
37 Stench
38 Story-telling brother
41 Scarlet
43 Wolfed down
44 Carry on
45 Breakfast choice
47 Put on a pedestal
49 Oust
52 Round Table address
53 La —, Bolivia
54 Bakery request
55 Plaything
56 Raw rock
57 Saccharine

Crossword down

1 "Ben- —"
2 Literary collection
3 Work with
4 Sax-playing Simpson
5 Word on the street?
6 Open
7 Green shot
8 Pigs' digs
9 Hodgepodges
10 Fast food choice
11 Bessemer product
17 Hammock occupant
19 Raccoon's cousin
21 Winter bug
22 — -relief
24 Without delay
26 Canine coat
28 Wickerwork willow
30 Freddy's street
32 Become aware of
33 Examine
34 — out a living
36 Pleasant wind
38 Mill fodder
39 TV's ancestor
40 Scrimshaw material
42 Gary Cooper role
45 Despot
46 Declare
48 Wall St. debut
50 Bee follower
51 Potent stick

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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3	8	4	5	6	1	7	9	2
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2	5	7	3	9	4	1	6	8

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Poached Salmon with Dill Sauce

INGREDIENTS — FISH:
4 fresh or frozen and thawed salmon or halibut steaks, 3/4 inch (2 cm) thick (about 6 oz/175 g each)
1 cup dry white wine
1 small yellow onion, thickly sliced
2 lemon slices
4 sprigs parsley
4 whole black peppercorns

INGREDIENTS — DILL SAUCE:
1 tbsp (15 ml) butter or margarine
1 tbsp (15 ml) all-purpose flour
2 tsp (10 ml) finely chopped fresh dill or 3/4 tsp (4 ml) dried dill weed
1/2 tsp (2 ml) sugar
1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) salt
1 large egg yolk, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon lemon juice

METHOD:
1. Rinse fish and pat dry. Poach fish: in large skillet, combine wine, onion, lemon slices, parsley and peppercorns. Bring to boil. Arrange salmon in a single layer in wine mixture. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, for 5 to 8 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with fork. Use slotted spatula to carefully remove salmon from the skillet; keep warm. Strain and reserve 1 cup (250 ml) cooking liquid.
2. For dill sauce: in small saucepan, melt butter over moderate heat. Whisk in flour, dill, sugar and salt, and cook for 1 minute or until bubbly. Add reserved cooking liquid. Cook, whisking constantly, until mixture starts to thicken. Slowly stir about 1/2 cup (125 ml) hot mixture into egg yolk, then return to saucepan. Cook, stirring constantly, for 1 to 2 minutes or until the mixture thickens (do not boil). Stir in lemon juice.
3. Spoon some dill sauce over salmon and serve.

SERVES 4

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AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A larger-than-life mystery deepens. A drama queen is reaching critical mass. An elderly person can move you to tears.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Contact with a maniac will revive you. An ambiguous friend realizes his foolishness. A sweetheart wants to give you something special.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Give some thought to being more diligent. Don't refuse an offer that saves money. A daunting person will ask you for something precious.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Make sure that all loose ends are tied up. Time is wasted in mending someone's misery. Plans are made to clear the air.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Trust a friend to be honest with you. A message comes about an illness. Decisions are influenced by casual comments.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't give up on someone who has problems. There's a happy ending for a gullible guy. An important person is willing to work on a new project.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Be sincere with someone who is attentive. Ask questions about some entertaining surprises. You are too excitable for your own good.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Be true to yourself. A troubled person creates animosity. Don't disagree with a stranger who makes sense.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Be serious when dealing with an obstinate fool. Answer questions without joking. Be prepared to face a difficulty alone.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't waste a chance to discuss secrets. Someone pulls the rug out from under a worker. Frustration results from sticking to the rules.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
It's a good day to make a special request. Use your common sense with romantic interests. Avoid over-sensitivity at dinnertime.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A serious relationship continues after a setback. A man is excused for standing his ground. You'll make time for another project.

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1. Do damage to Old MacDonald's spread (1)
2. Coexist in a dragon's den (1)
3. Unfairly distort a puzzle hint (1)
4. Use a loom to make a shirt arm section (1)
5. Athenians' horror movie screams (1)
6. Red Cross founder Clara's kilt patterns (2)
7. Fighting hard to keep three balls in the air (2)

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1. HARM FARM 2. SHARE LAIR 3. SKEW CLUE 4. WEAVE SLEEVE 5. GREEKS SHRIEKS 6. BARTONS TARTANS 7. STRUGGLING JUGGLING

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